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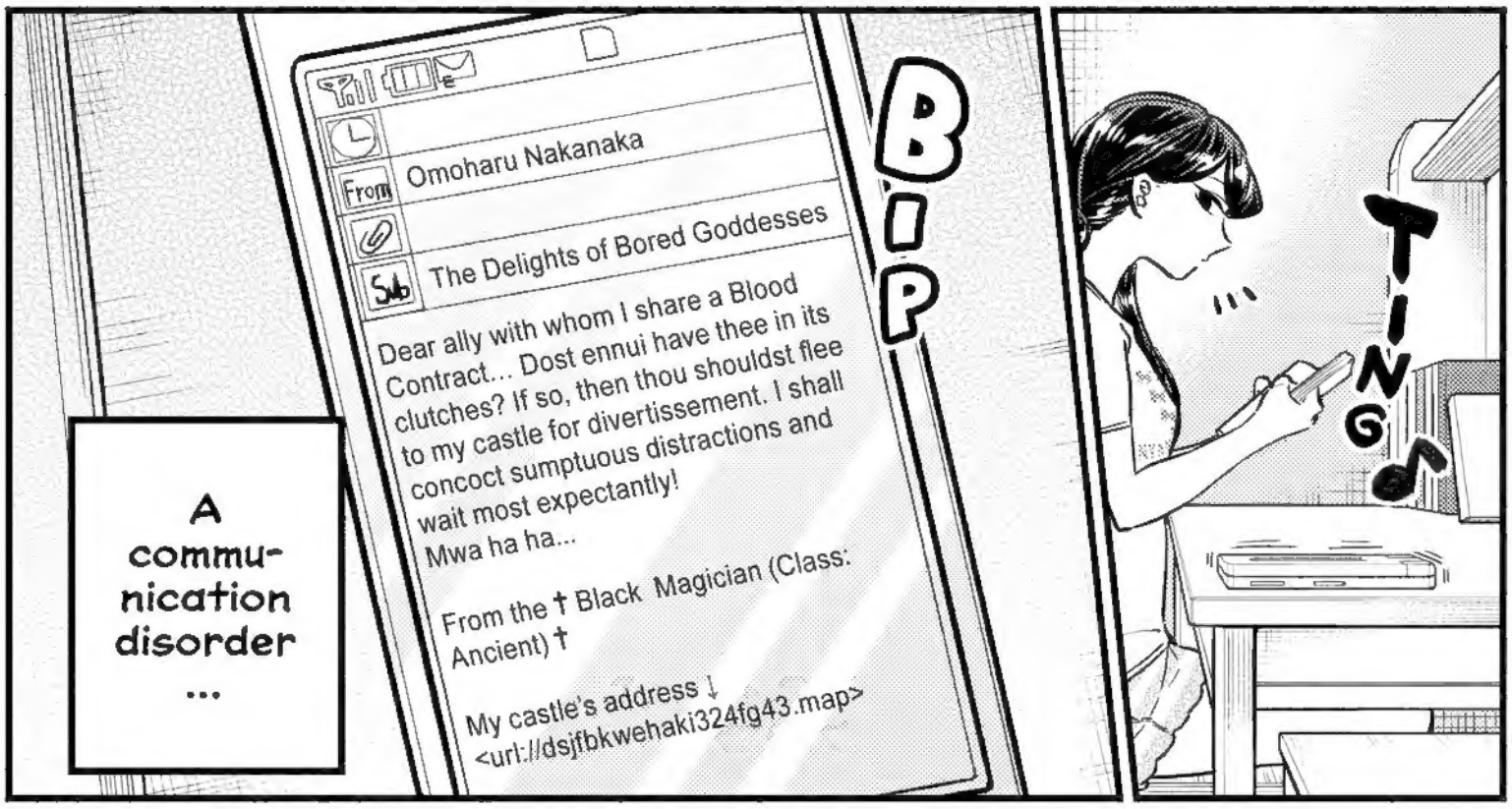
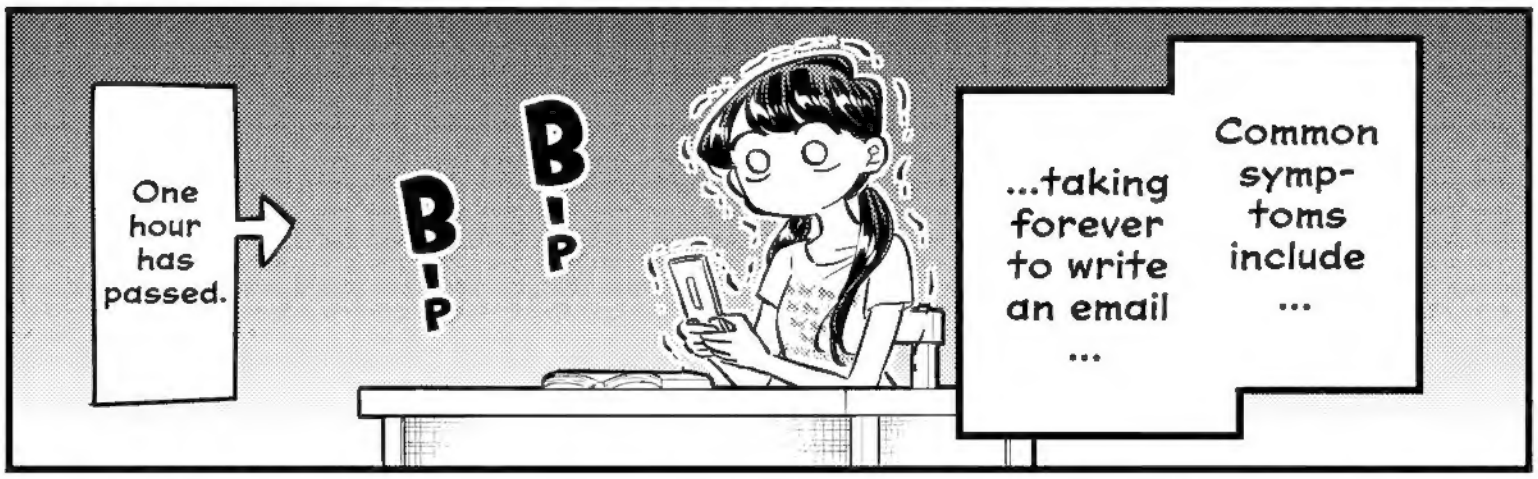
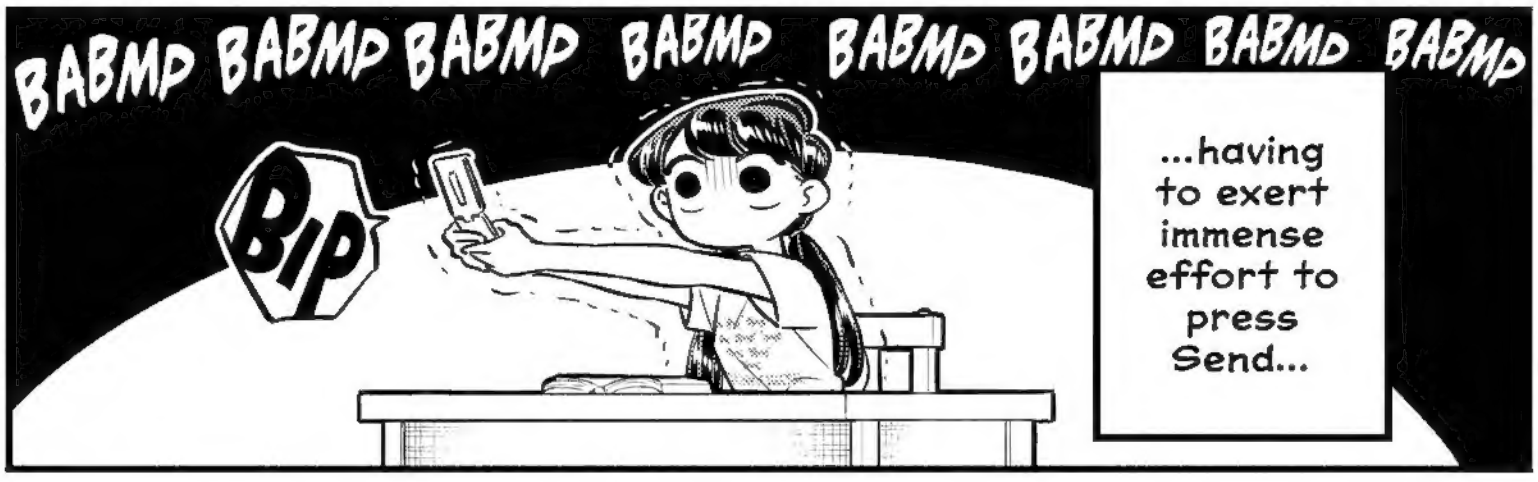

A communication disorder ...
From
Omoharu Nakanaka
Sub
The Delights of Bored Goddesses
Dear ally with whom I share a Blood Contract... Dost ennui have thee in its clutches? If so, then thou shouldst flee to my castle for divertissement. I shall concoct sumptuous distractions and wait most expectantly!
Mwa ha ha...
From the † Black Magician (Class: Ancient) †
My castle's address ↓
<url://dsjfbkwehaki324fg43.map>
BIP
TING
...





FIDGET
GLANCE
GLANCE
GLANCE
FIDGET
Cell phone
...worrying that what you wrote was weird...

JOLT
MWAAA HA HA HA
Email alert

...
SWIP
SWIP

...upon receiving a reply.
TONY
Re: The Delights of Bored Goddesses
Shoko Komi
>Are you asking me to come over? I don't have any plans, so if it's all right with you, I'll visit.
Thanks.
From Shoko Komi (1-1)
...and jumping for joy...

Communication 48: Video Games

SKREE SKREE SKREE SKREE SKR

...

Naka-naka's house

SKREE SKREE SKREE SKREE SK

First visit to some-one's house on her own

Nerves

Anxiety

SHVR SHVR SHVR

SHVR SHVR

H-hmph!

Komi drumming up her courage

Komi can't press the intercom button.

KANAKA

NAKANAKA

JOLT

KLICK

WOOO

MWA HA HA... YOU RANG?

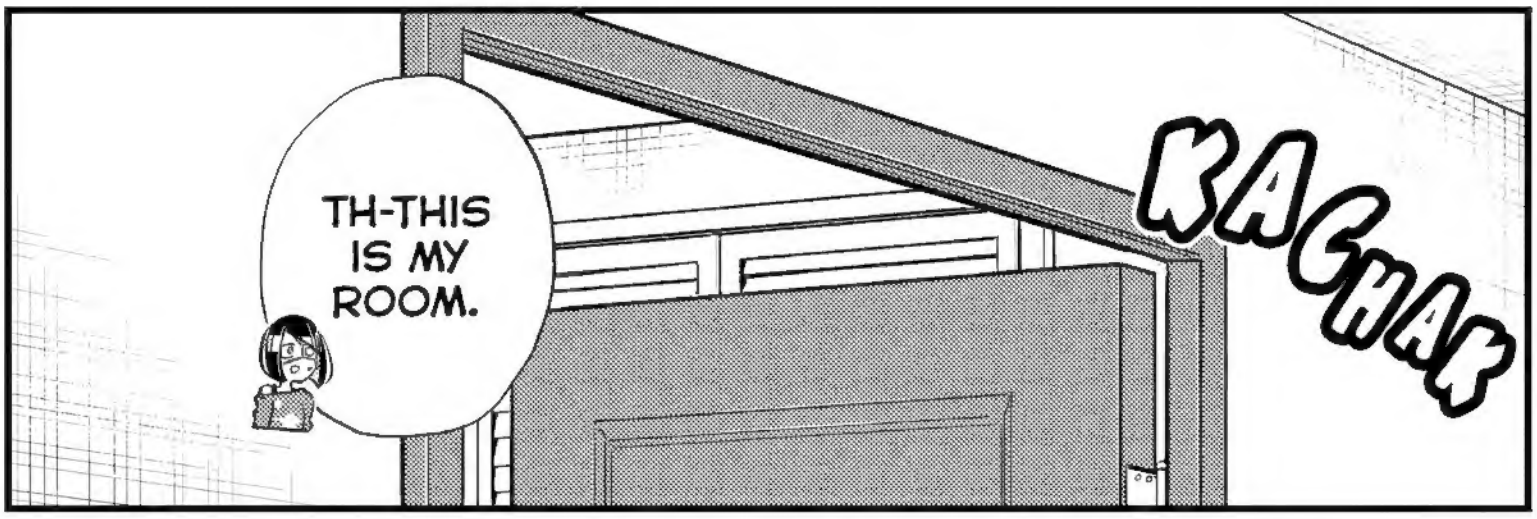
CREEEEEEEAK

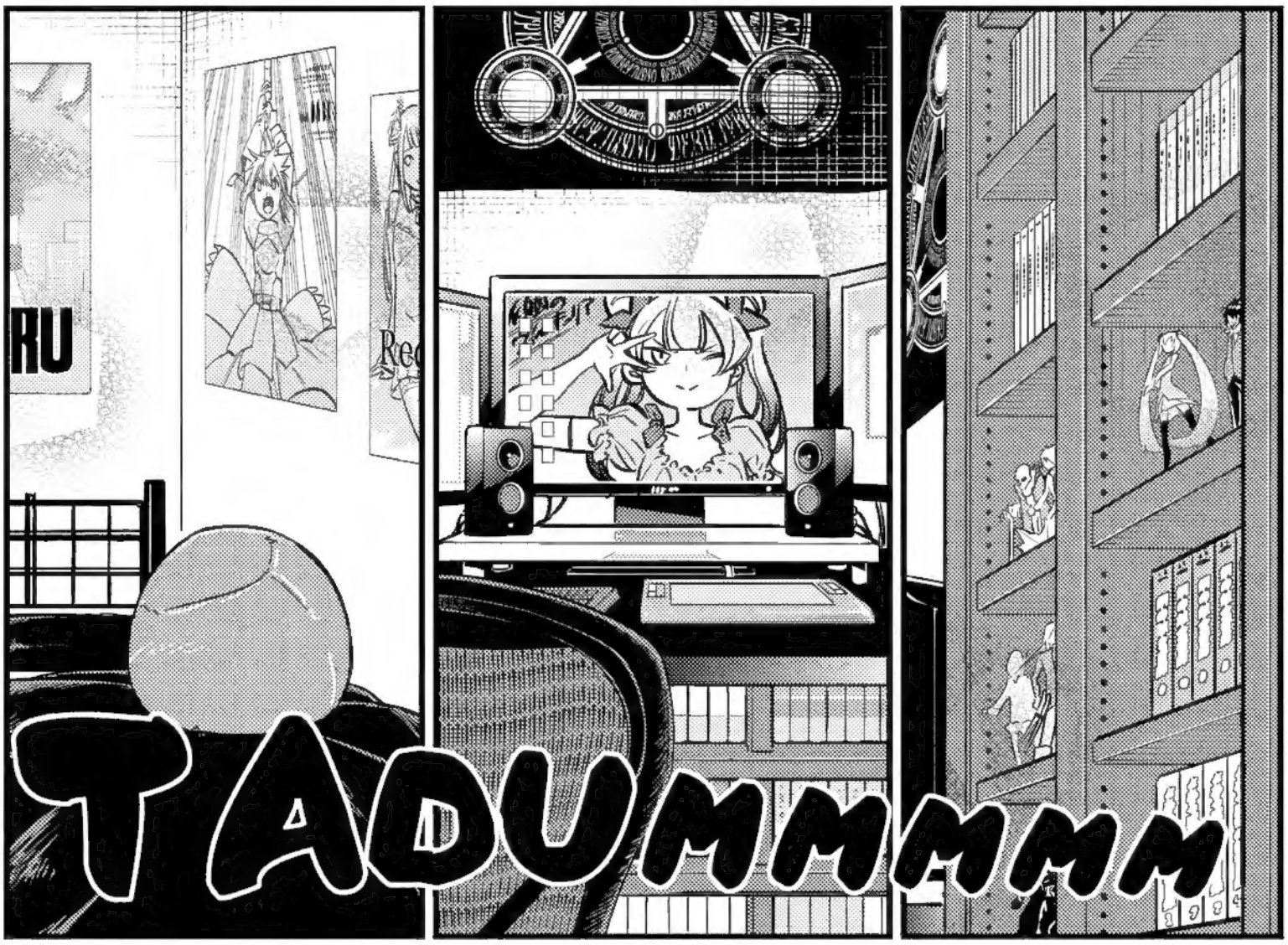
THEN ENTER AT YOUR PERIL.

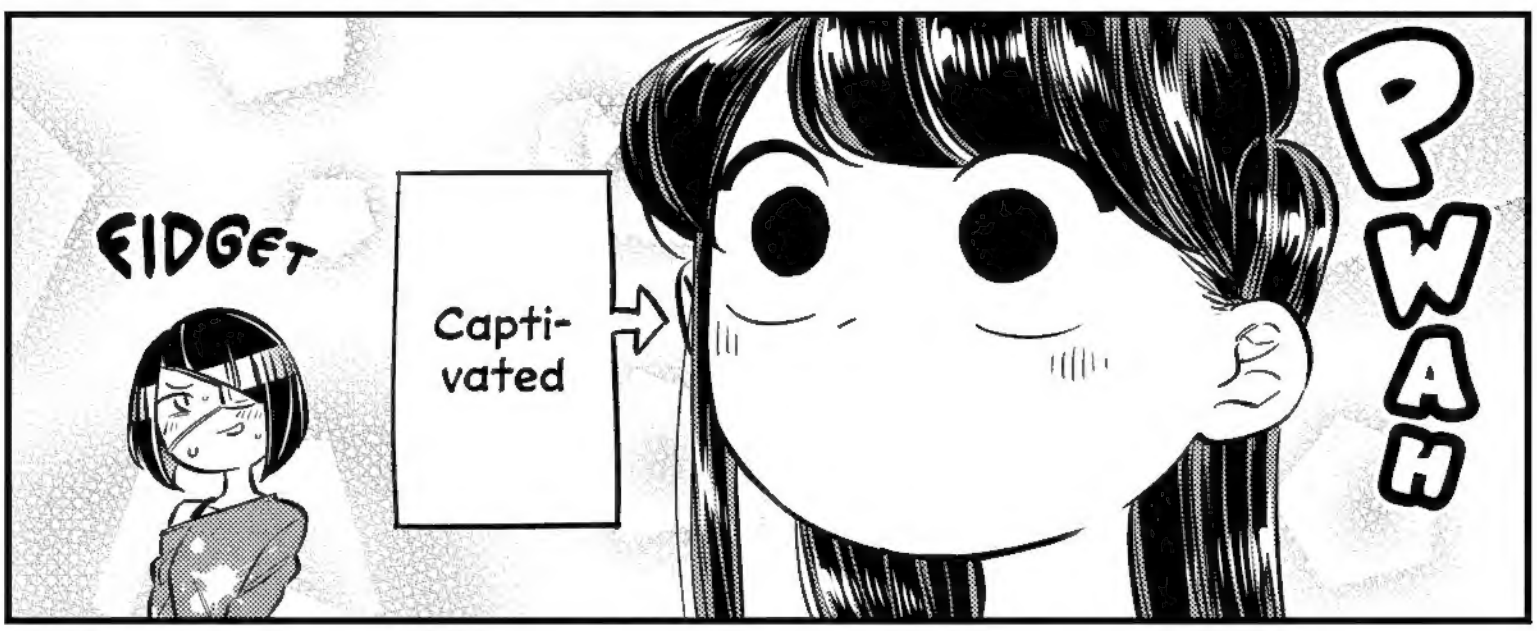
K-KOMI ACTU-ALLY CAME OVER !!

Nakanaka is going through a phase.

Waited at the door forever


TH-THIS IS MY ROOM.
KACHAK


TADUMMMMM


FIDGET
Capti-vated
PWAH

...IN MY ROOM!

KOMI IS REALLY HERE ...

DOES THIS MEAN I'M POPULAR NOW?!

THE CLASS GODDESS! IN MY ROOM!

THIS IS BONK-ERS!

WAIT... I NEED TO BE A GOOD HOST!

GASP

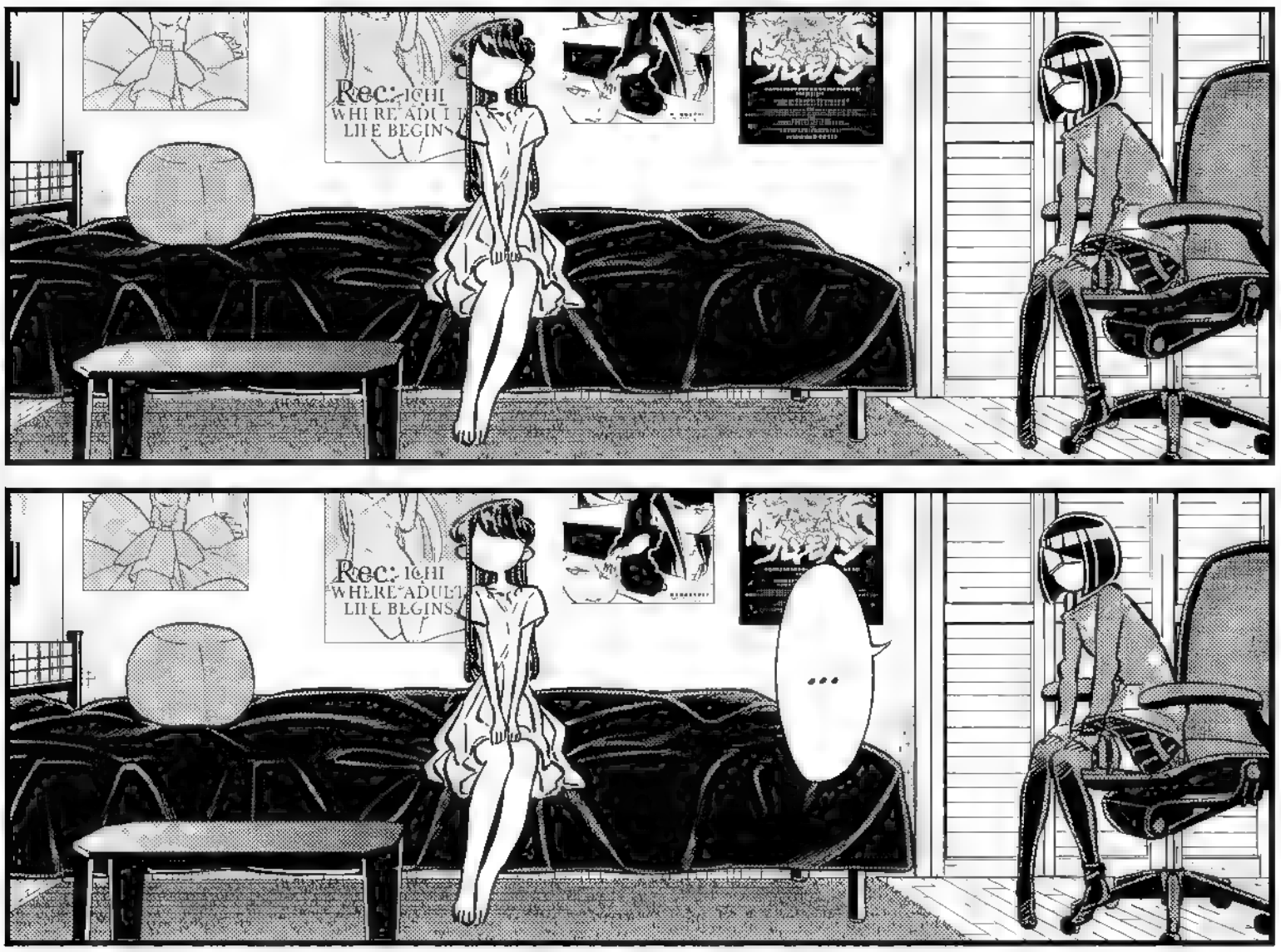
Nakanaka hasn't had a friend over since elementary school.

WARD

AWA

T...

TAKETH A SEAT! ANY-WHERE!


Rec:
WHERE ADULT
LIFE BEGINS
...

Rec:
WHERE ADULT
LIFE BEGINS

BE TRAN-QUIL!
Tranquil: (adj.) quiet and calm.
SILENCE
BABMP
BABMP

TAKERU
YOU SHOULD CHECK IT OUT!
OH, RIGHT! I'M ABOUT TO REACH THE DENOUE-MENT OF A VIDEO GAME!
UM...
ICHI ADULT BEGINS
FASCINATING IMAGES
MY MONITOR IS 4K! IT'S MORE VIBRANT THAN REAL LIFE! ISN'T IT PRETTY?! ISN'T IT GLORIOUS ?!
TEE HEE! LOOK! VIDEO GAMES TODAY ARE MIND-BLOWING!
I CAN ALREADY TELL THE FINAL SCENE WILL MAKE ME CRY! THAT'S THE WORLD-FAMOUS SHIRO FUKAZORA FOR YOU!
SUPER-INTER-ESTING STORY
Script-writer
AND THE STORY! THE GAME WORLD IS VAST AND COMPLEX, YET YOU NEVER LOSE FOCUS ON THE MAIN CHAR-ACTER!
?!
Doesn't really get it
...?

SHE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT CUTTING-EDGE TECH!

Thinks it's sort of neat

UH-OH! KOMI MUST BE A CASUAL GAMER!

I WAS CERTAIN SHE'D BE INTO IT!

OH NO...

THEN SHE'LL NEVER VISIT AGAIN! WHAT SHOULD I DO?!

...SHE'LL SCOFF AT ME!!

YOU'RE BORING!

IF I DON'T DO SOME-THING FAST ...

Nakanaka totally broke character.

THE MORE THE MERRIER, RIGHT?

SWIP SWIP

SH-SHOULD I INVITE NAJIMI OVER?

TADAAH

And I brought Tadano!

You called, So I came! Tadadum! Dada... dum?

YOUR RHYTHM IS WEIRD ...

OH, RIGHT. THIS IS A GIRL'S ROOM.

HUH? UM... A BOY?!

YOU'VE CHANGED!

...SINCE ELEMEN-TARY SCHOOL!

NAKA-NAKA! I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU...

Whassup, Komi?

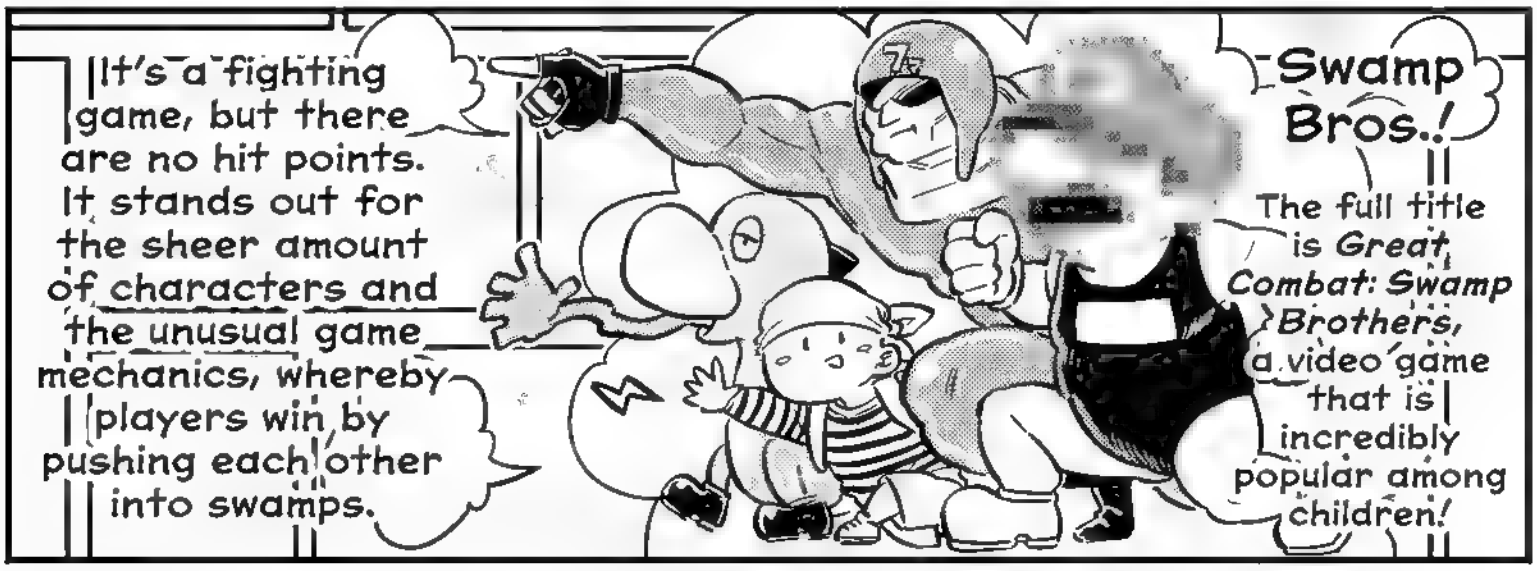
AKERU

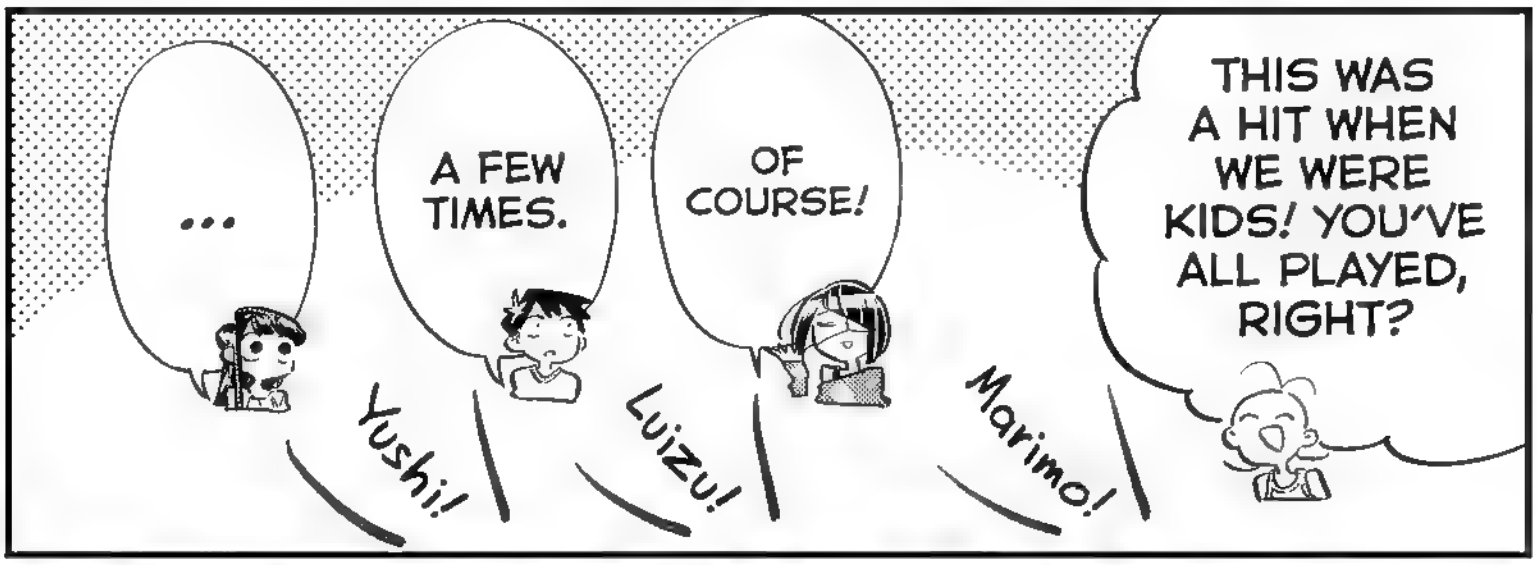
HEY!

Like he isn't even here!!

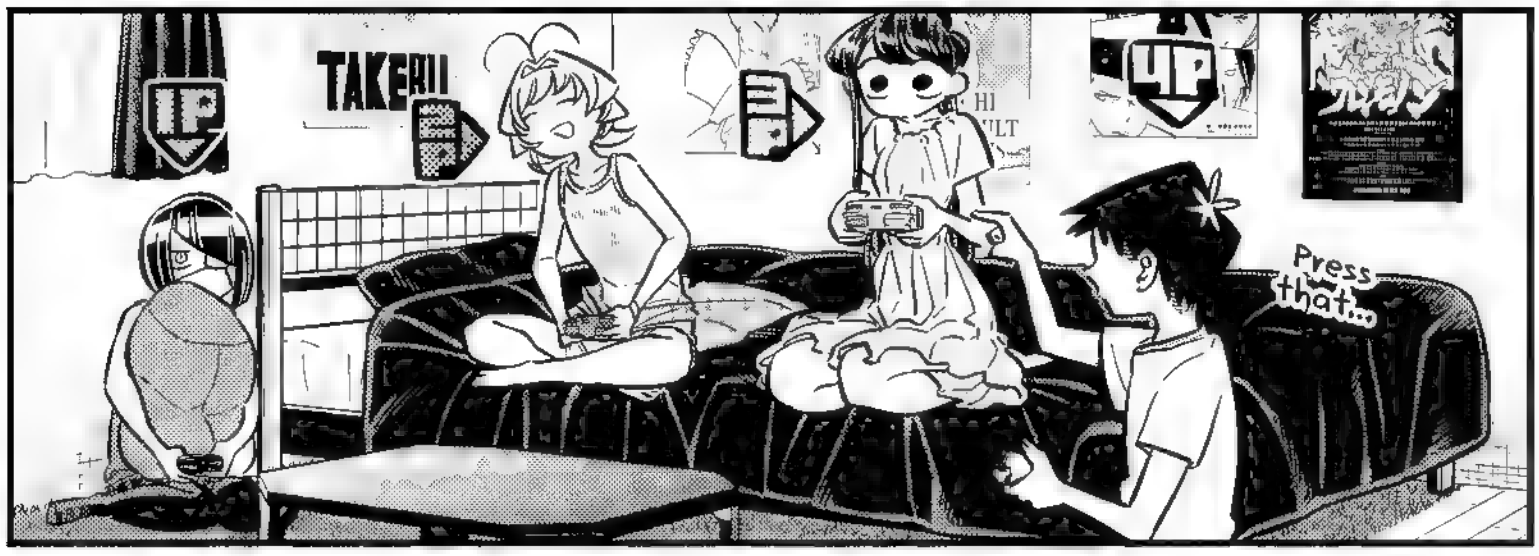
Don't worry! Tadano blends in with the back-ground!

So let's play Swamp Bros.!
We need to discuss the choices!
RATTLE RATTLE
WE NEED A MULTI-PLAYER GAME FOR FOUR PEOPLE!
WHAT SHOULD WE PLAY?
Is this a good idea?
They let Tadano stay.


It's a fighting game, but there are no hit points. It stands out for the sheer amount of characters and the unusual game mechanics, whereby players win by pushing each other into swamps.
Swamp Bros.!
The full title is *Great Combat: Swamp Brothers*, a video game that is incredibly popular among children!

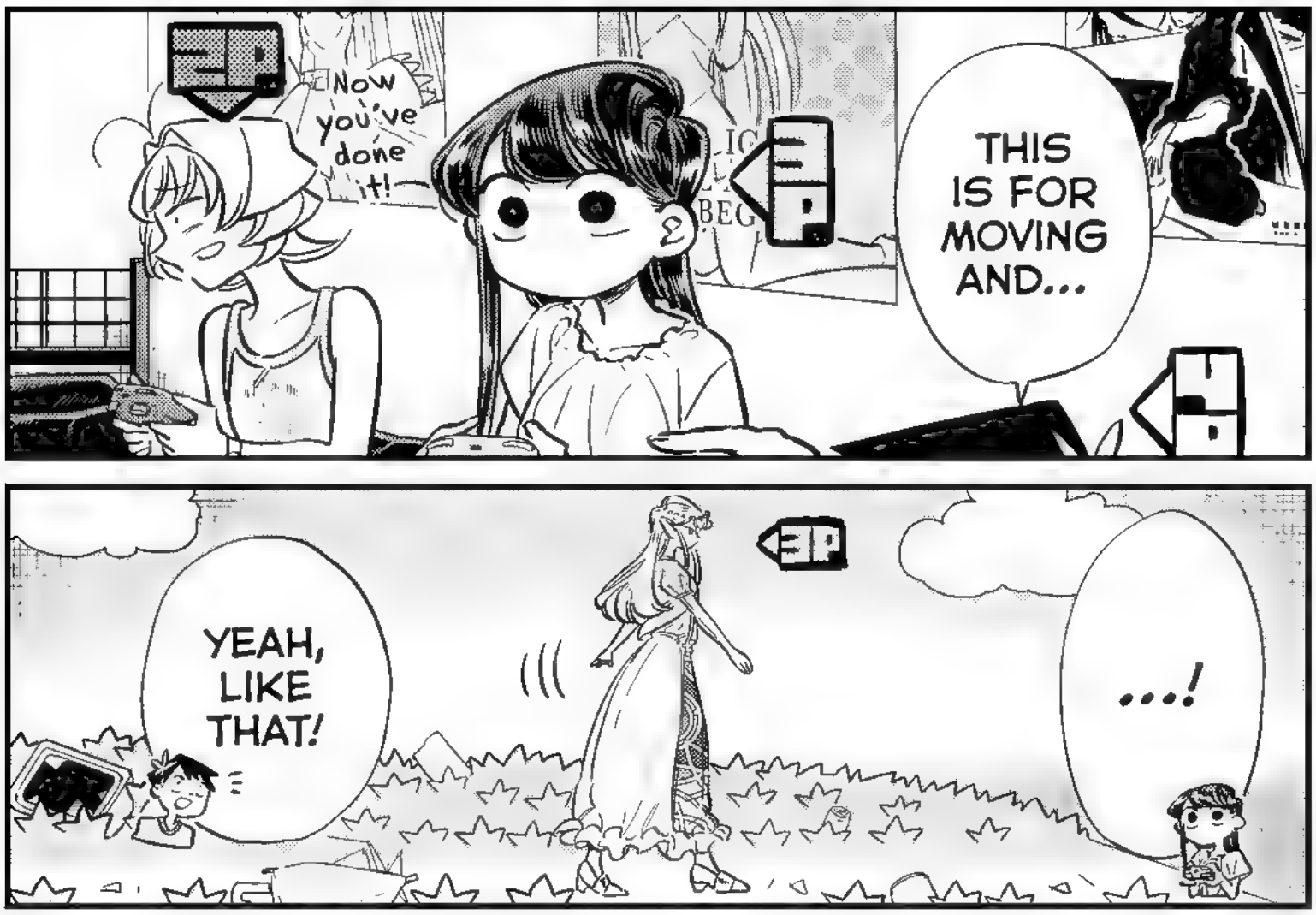

...
A FEW TIMES.
OF COURSE!
THIS WAS A HIT WHEN WE WERE KIDS! YOU'VE ALL PLAYED, RIGHT?
Yushi!
Luizu!
Marimo!

YEAH, I GUESSED THAT.
Zeldine!
Not even once


TAKERU
Press that...

The battle begins! And I spy easy pick-ings!
WAHOO!
WHOOP
BAM

WHAT ?!
I WON'T LET YOU HARM MY ALLY!


Now you've done it!
THIS IS FOR MOVING AND...
YEAH, LIKE THAT!
...!

KOMI ?!
SLOSH SLOSH
AND THIS IS FOR JUMP—
?!
?!
JUMP! POUND THE JUMP BUTTON!

I WON'T LET YOU PREY ON HER !!

I INVITED HER TO MY CASTLE, SO SHE'S GOTTA HAVE FUN!

Ah ha ha! You're too soft! I guess you haven't changed!

Your defenses are down!

And I'm still your better!!

HMPH

DEFEAT ISN'T AN OP-TION!

...BUT NOW I HAVE SOME-ONE TO DEFEND!

MAYBE THAT WAS TRUE ...

...IN ELEMEN-TARY SCHOOL ...

SKIDOO

Well, Sappy emotions won't win this!!

GWOOOOH

Because this game is BROOTAL !!

SWAMP MUD SLOWS YOU DOWN, SO...

MUDDY

...

Whew!

Komi (her character) finally got out of the swamp.

UP

...USE THE–

SLAP

THE R2 BUTTON!

SLAP

Here.

NOW PRESS THE R2 BUTTON.

UM, IT'S A FIGHTING GAME. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

Feels bad

THERE! YOU GOT IT!

SHOOKA

SHOOKA

...!

?!

PAY ATTEN-TION, BUB!

Uh-oh!

*Mud block: throwing mud at an opponent to stop a killer move.

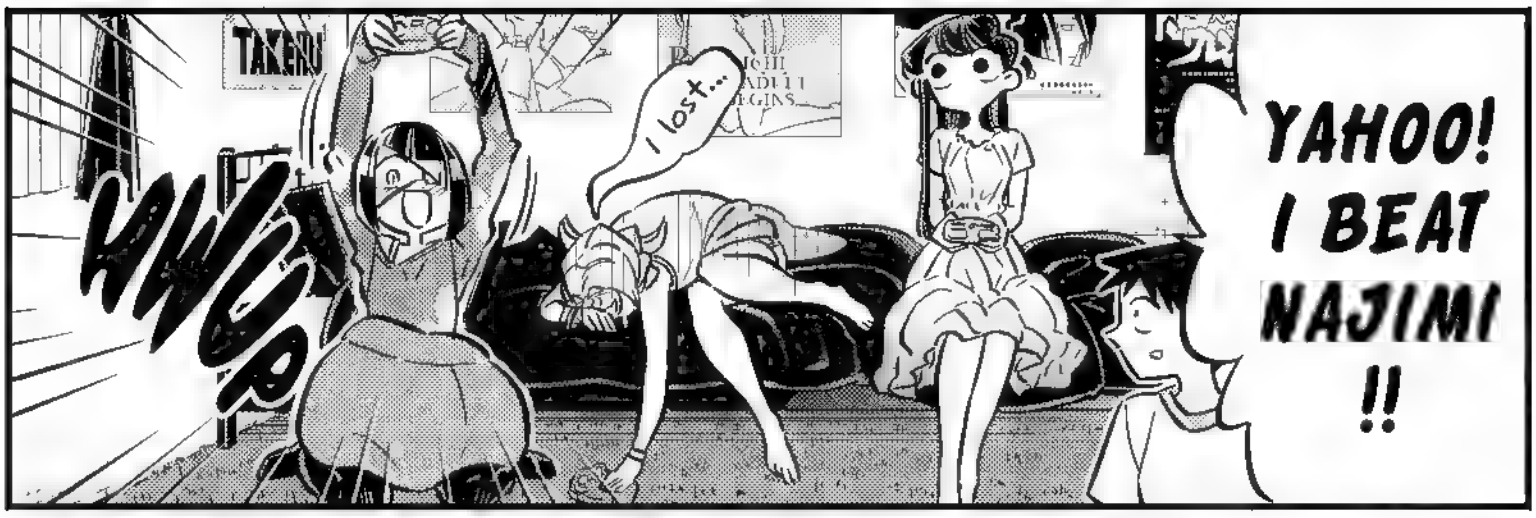
That's an advanced move!

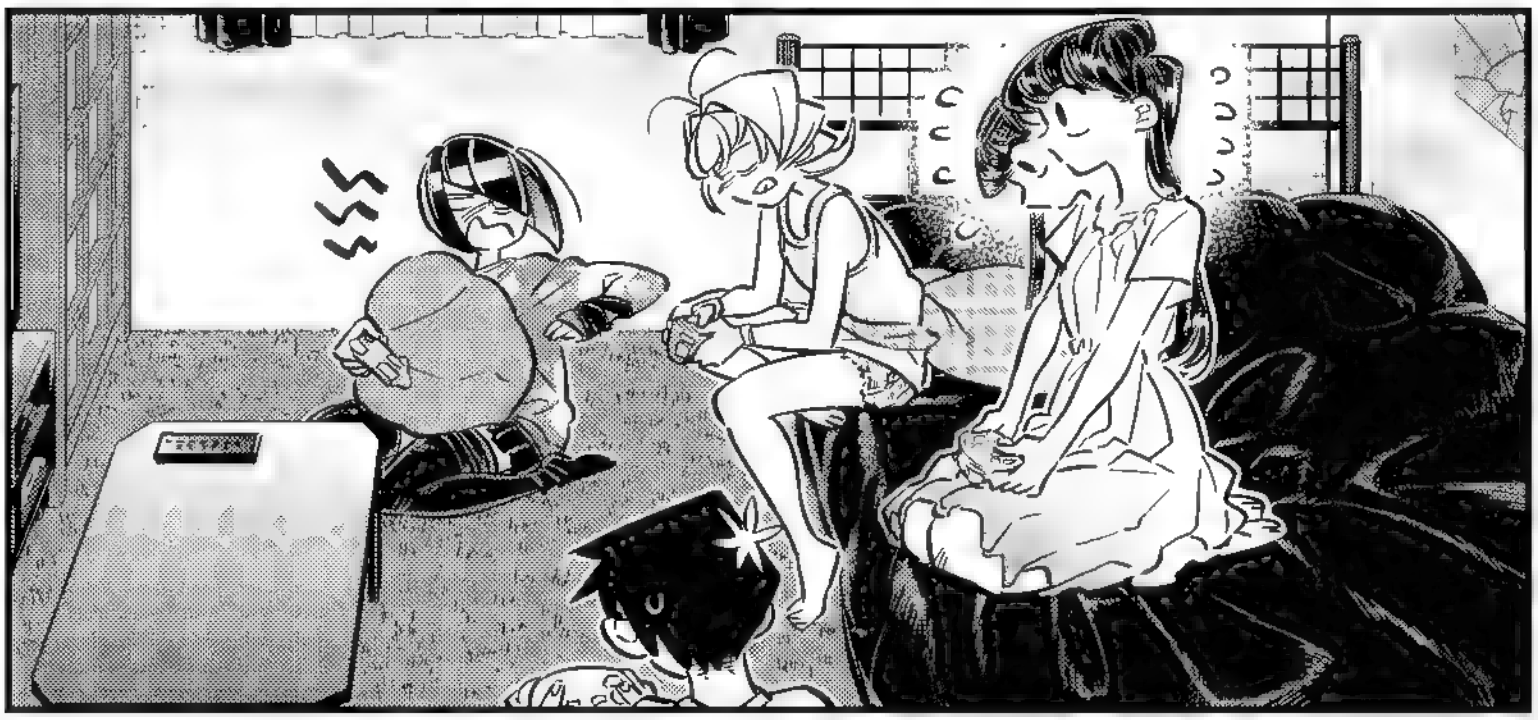
SHUMP

A mud block* ?!

Y...

KPSHOOP





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Princess Zeldine

She's a quiet tomboy. She disguised herself so she could join the battle, but everyone soon discovered her true identity.

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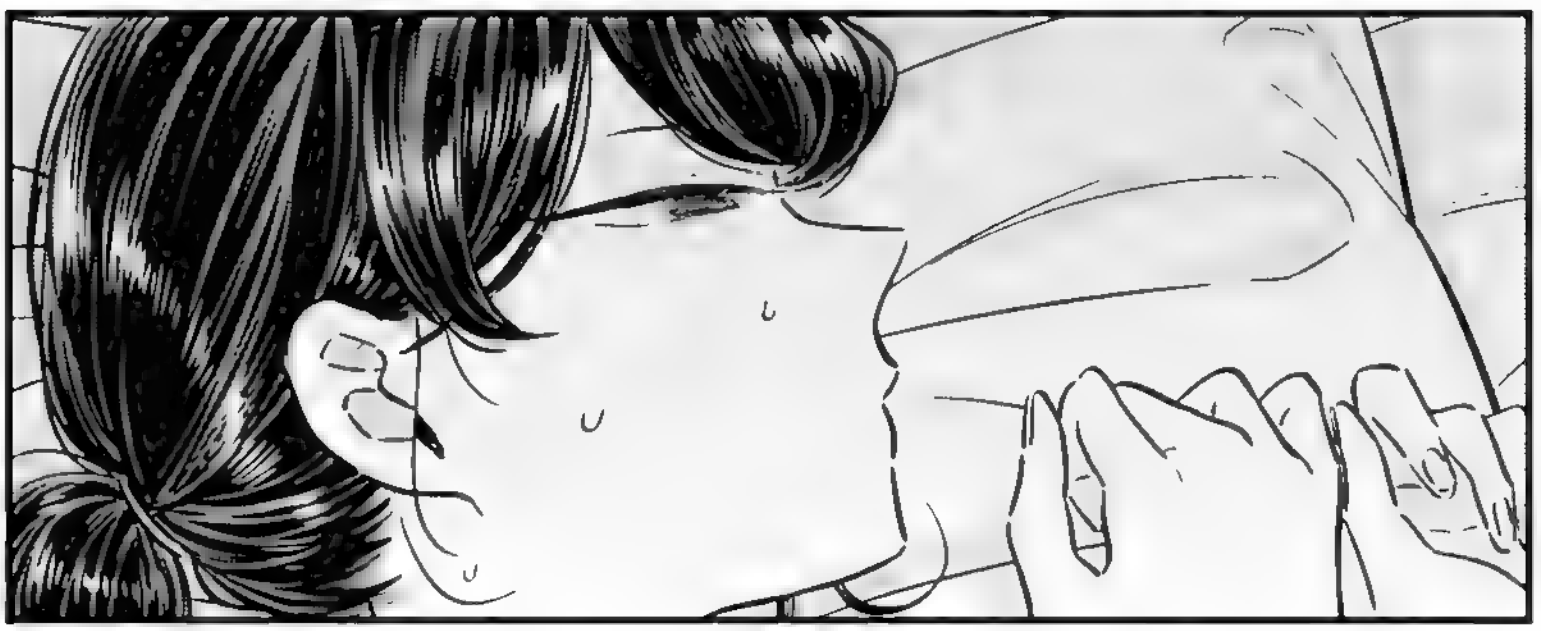
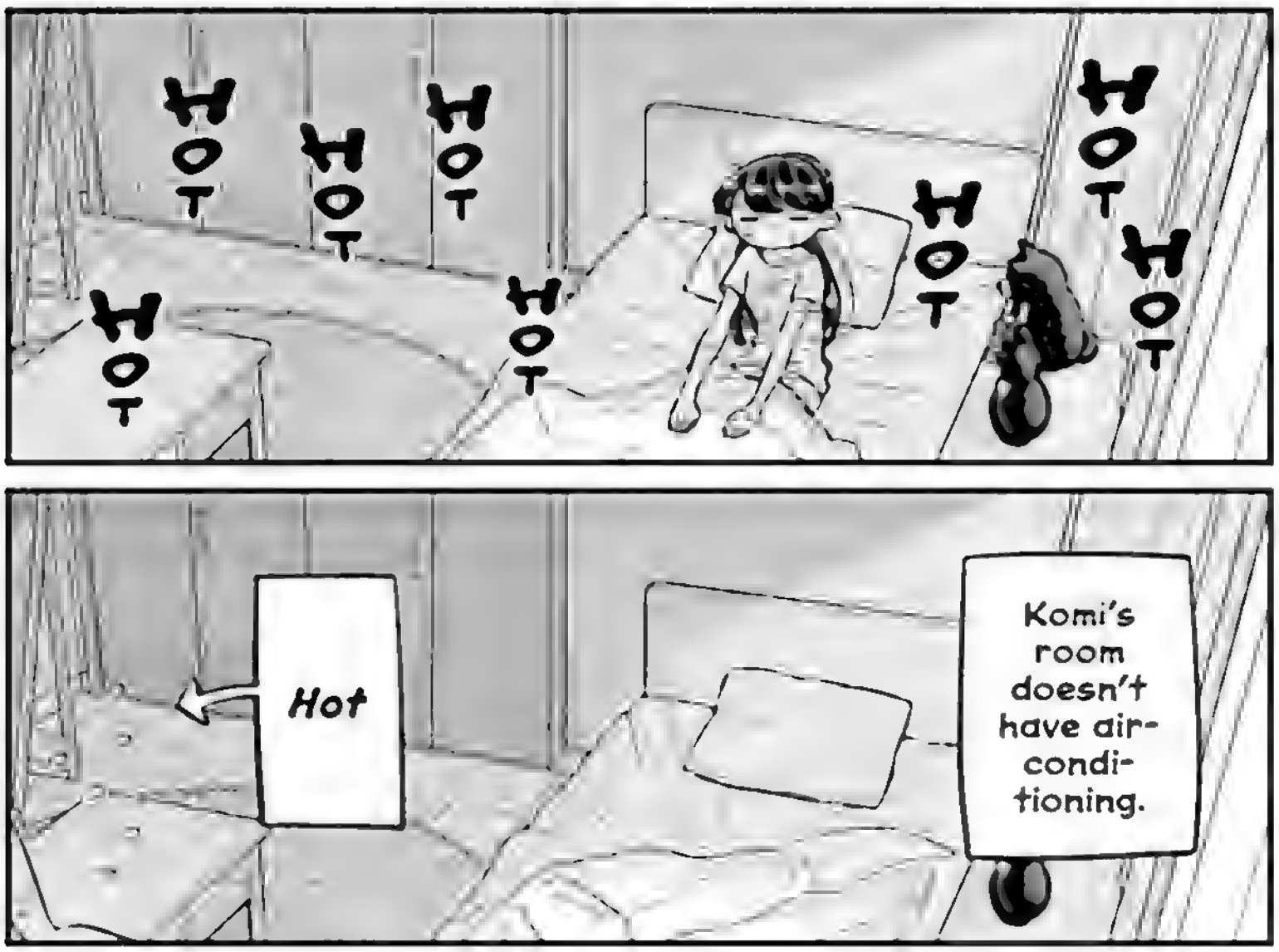


Communication 49: A Hot Day

Wants to sleep a little longer
DROWSE
DROWSE


HOT
HOT
HOT
HOT
HOT
HOT
HOT
HOT
Hot
Komi's room doesn't have air-condi-tioning.

COOOOOL

GOOD MORNING, SHOKO. WANT BREAK-FAST?

FLOP

STAGGER

STAGGER

GOOL

...

OH. SHE'S ASLEEP.

ZZZ

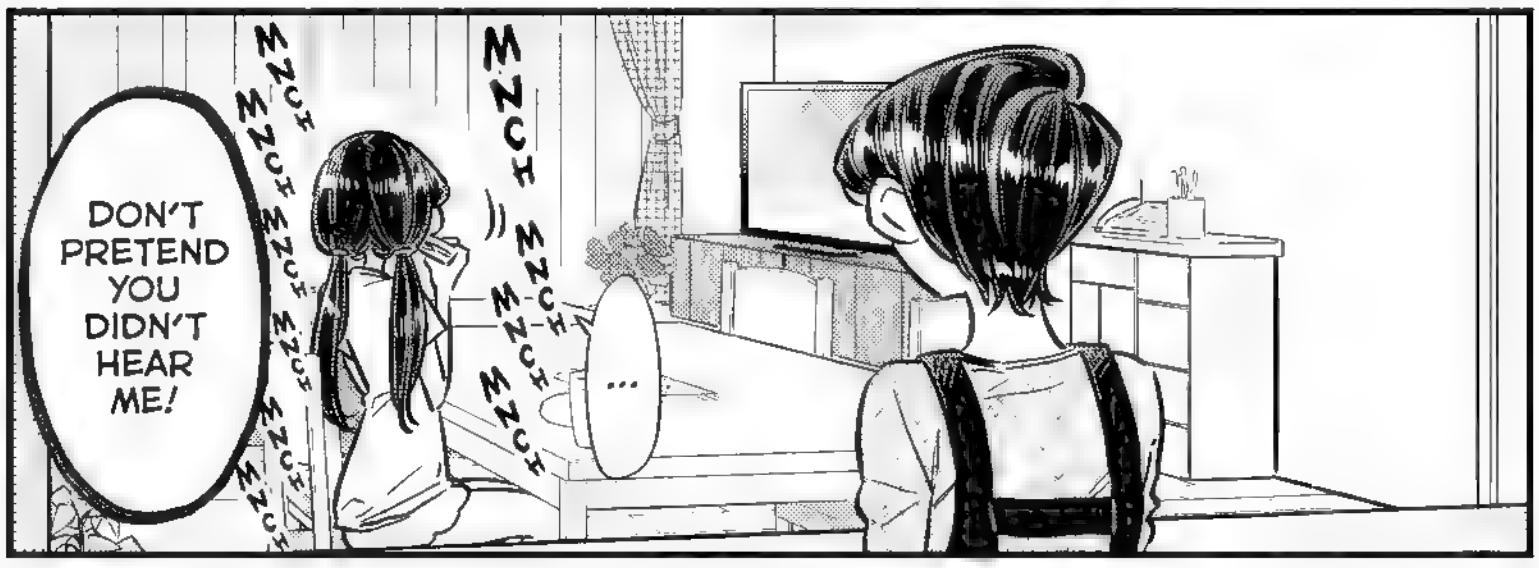
ZZZ

...

SPSHHH
CLHZK
CLHZK
MNCH
MNCH
She got up half an hour later.

NOD
!
MNCH
MNCH
ARE YOU FREE TODAY ?

...
Cleaning!
Laundry!
House-
work!
Chores!
MY SWEET DAUGHTER, WILL YOU HELP ME OUT?


DON'T PRETEND YOU DIDN'T HEAR ME!
MZUI
...

FLOOMP
RULING THE ROOST, EH?
VRRR
IF YOU'RE BORED, TAKE A WALK!
VRRR
It's swelter-ing outside.
...
IS THIS A REBEL-LIOUS PHASE?
No way!

You've been reading lots of fashion magazines!

Shiny

NOD NOD

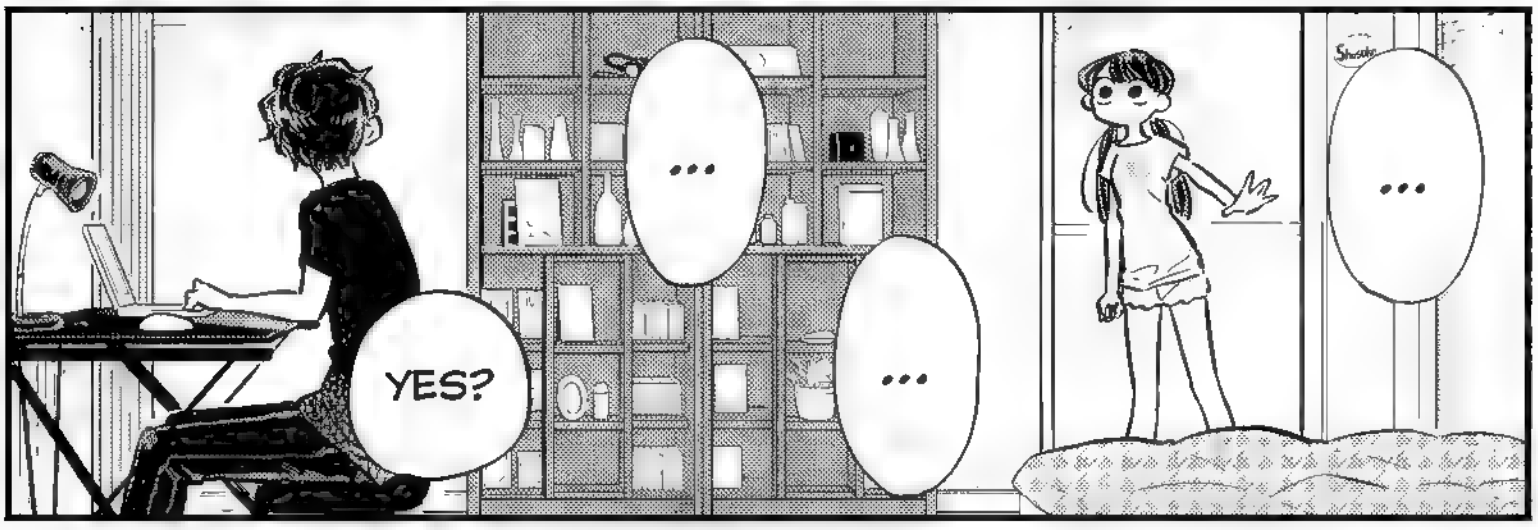
BLUUUH

BONK

JOLT

IF YOU SLEEP AFTER EATING, YOU'LL TURN INTO A COW.

Shosuke
KACHAK
Shosuke,
the younger
brother
Shosuke

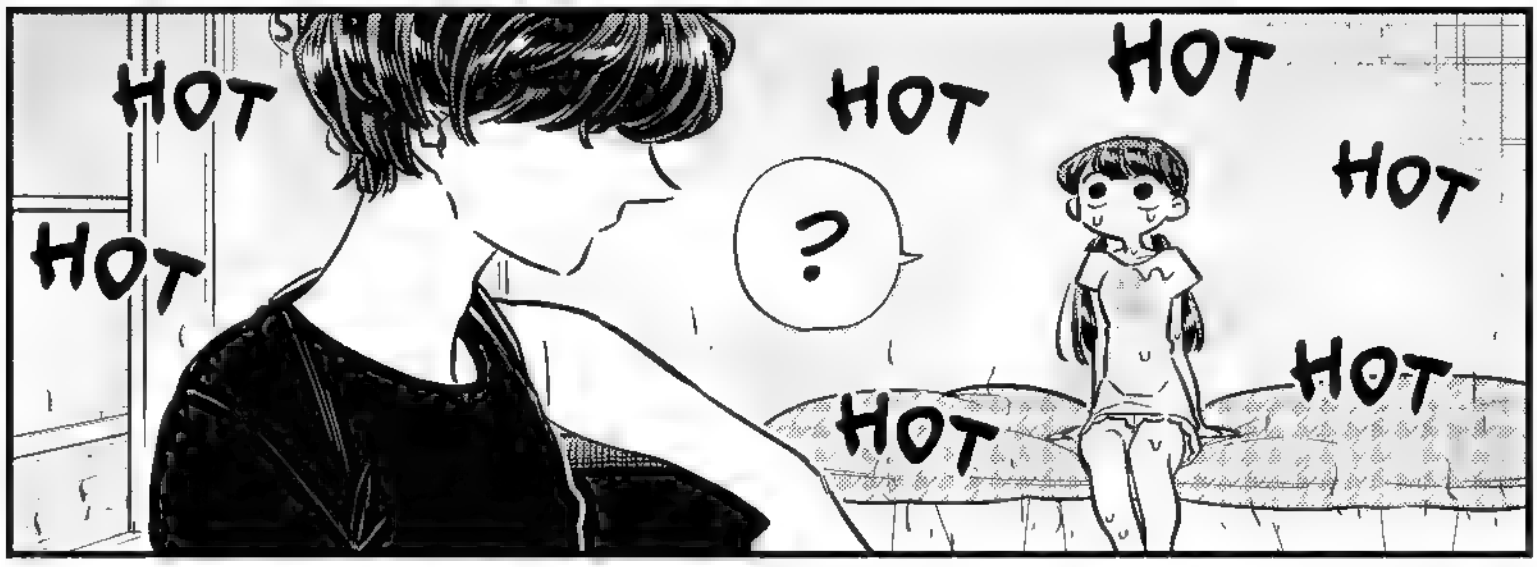

...
YES?
...
...
Shosuke

FLOMMMP
NO
RESTRAINT
WHY
DID SHE
COME IN
HERE?

...
ROLL ROLL
CLICK
...
KICK
KICK

...
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
HOT
HOT
HOT
There's no air-conditioning in here either.
HOT
HOT
HOT
HOT

!
AREN'T YOU HOT, SHOSUKE?


HOT
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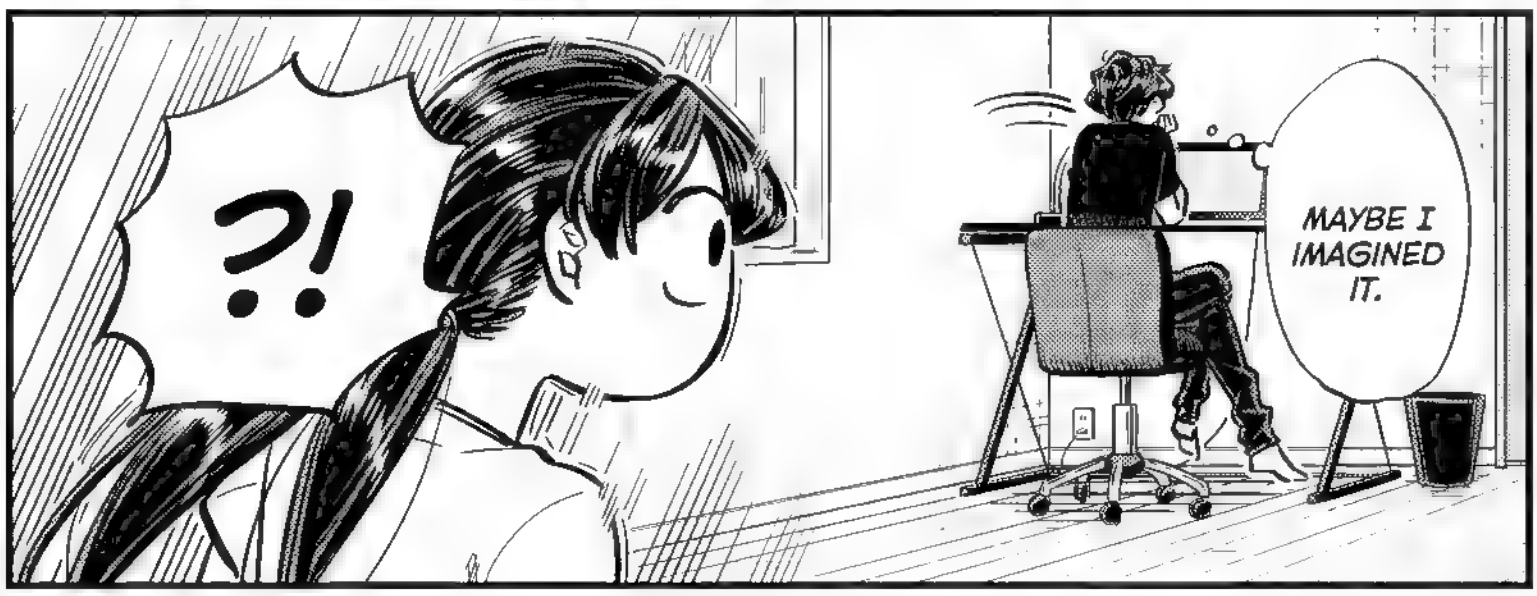
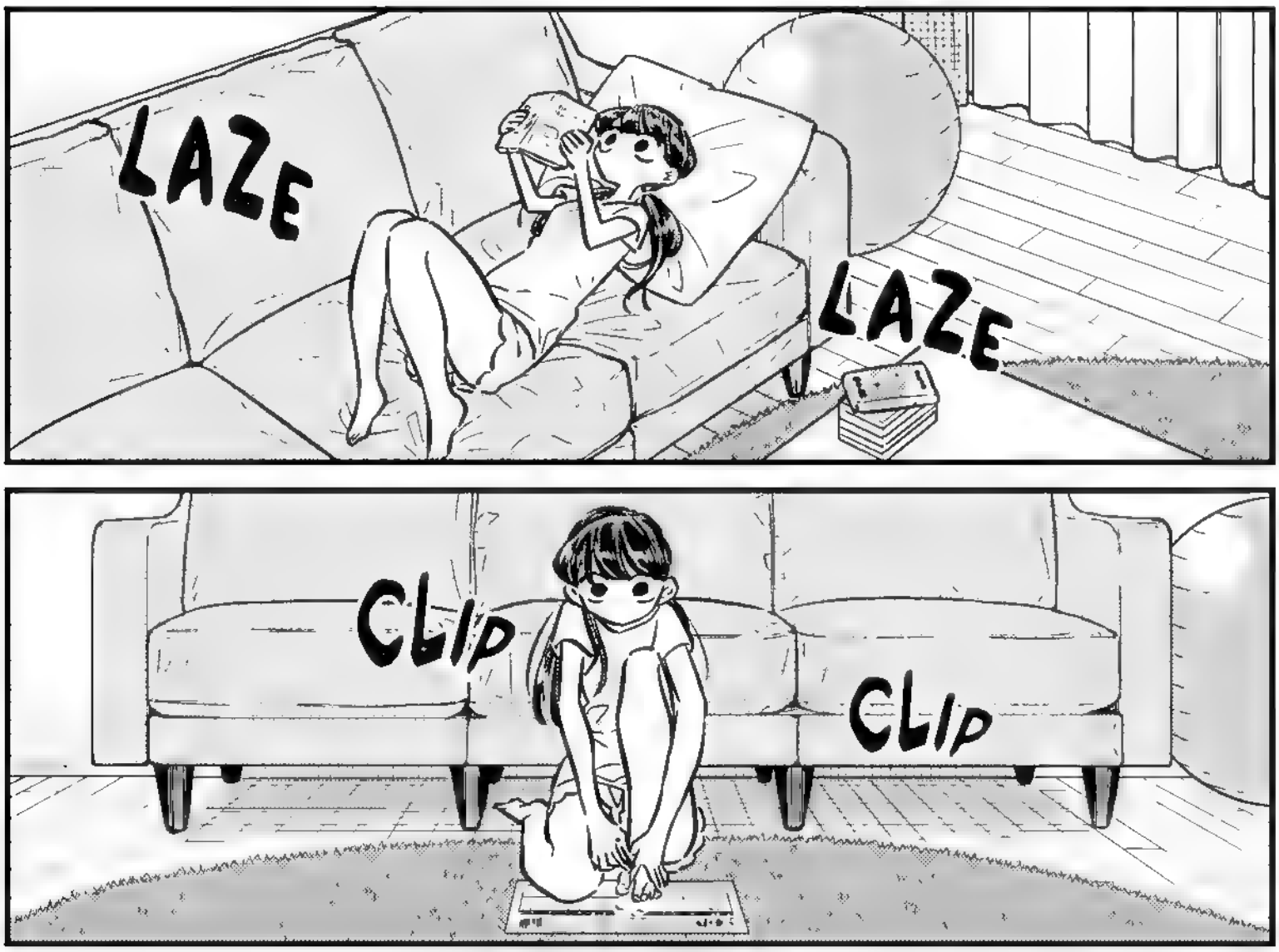
HOT
HOT
?

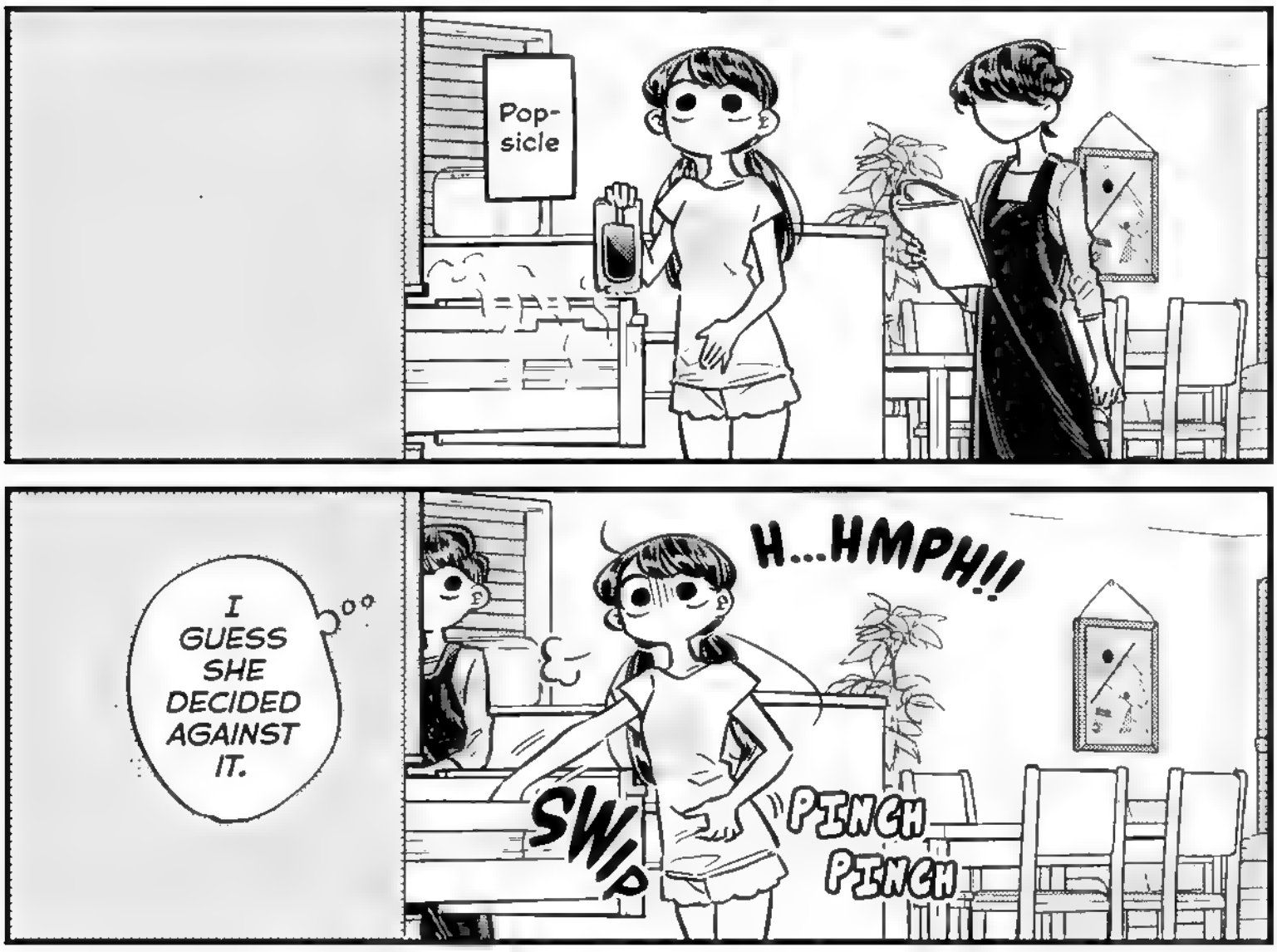

?!
MAYBE I IMAGINED IT.

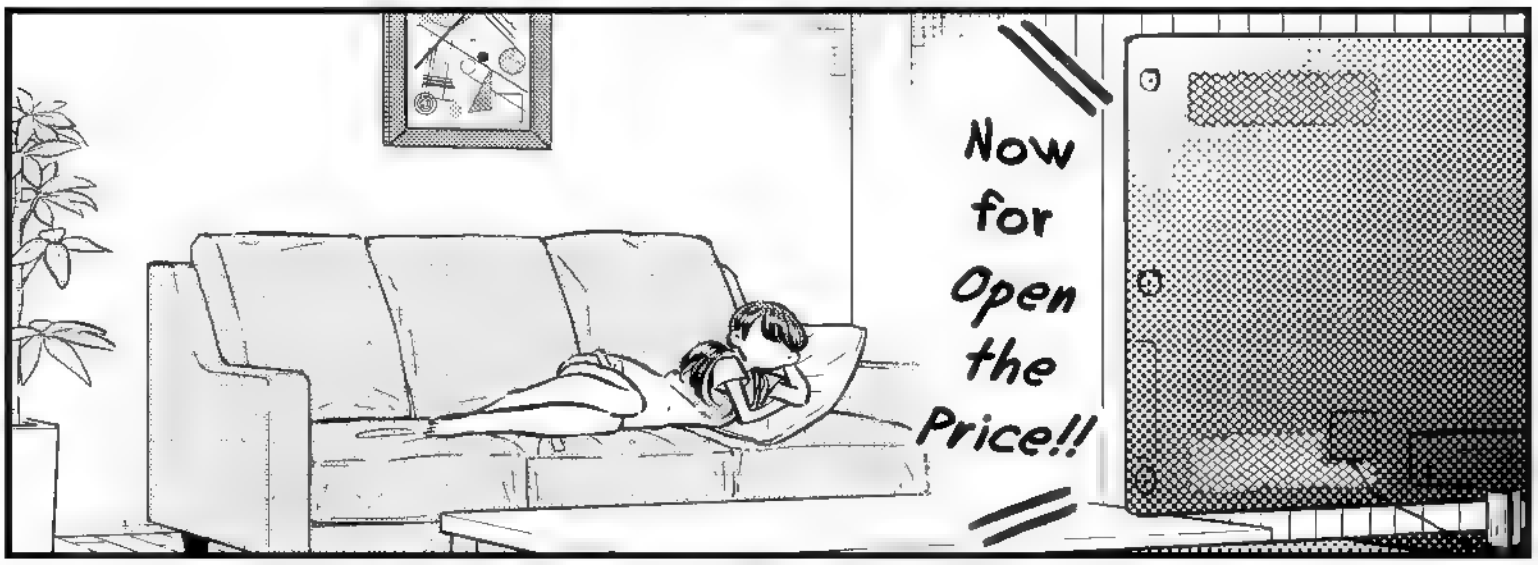
?!
HWUP
?!
?!
HWUP

MUSS MUSS MUSS MUSS MUSS MUSS MUSS MUSS MUSS MUSS MUSS MUSS MUSS MUSS
!

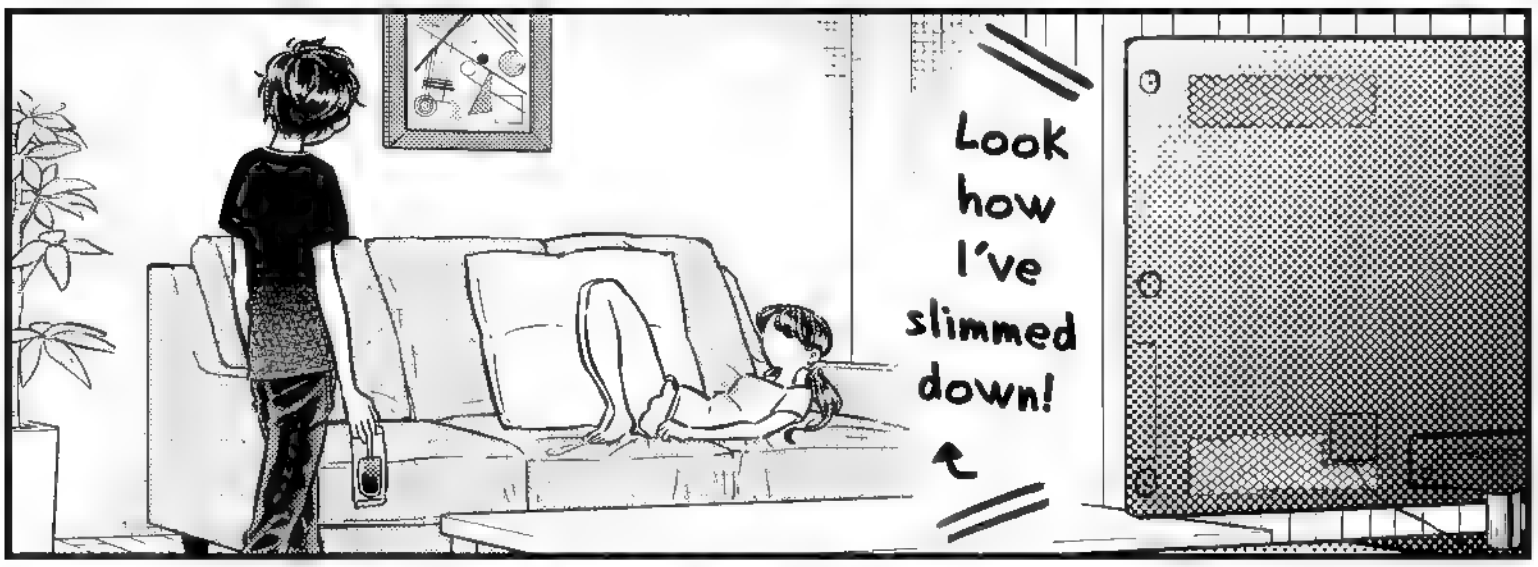
SHE'S HYPER TODAY.
Borrow-ing a manga
TRAIPSE

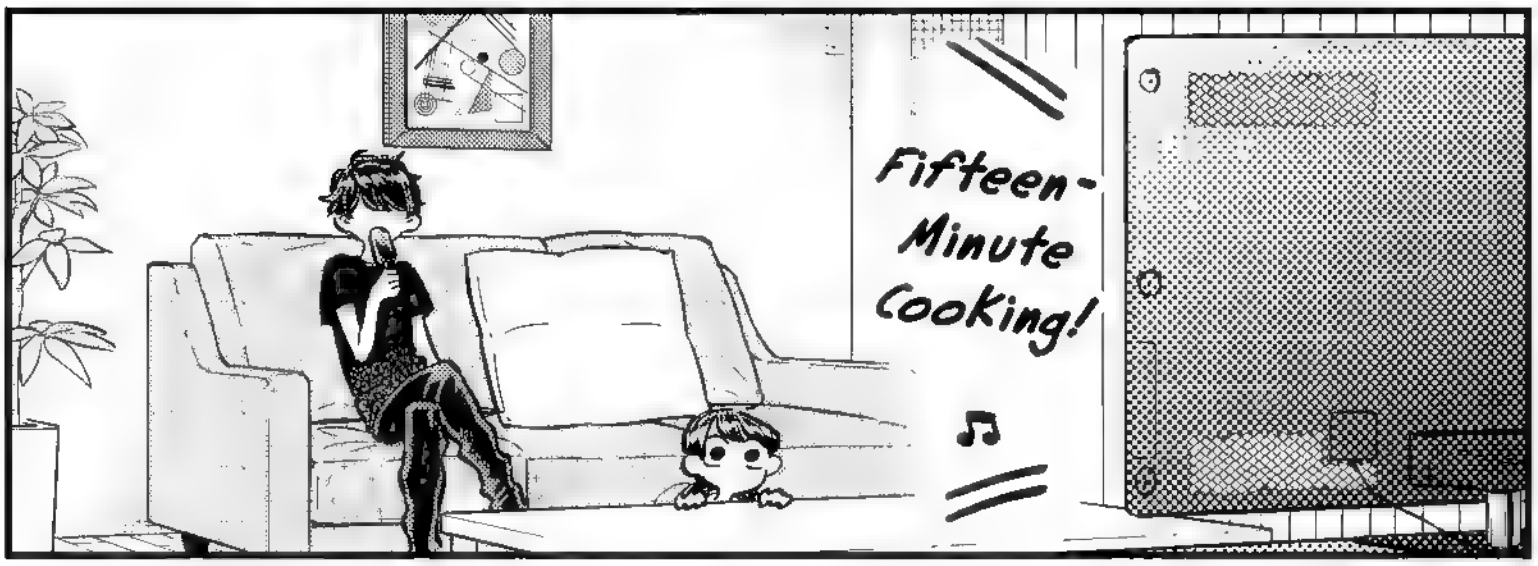

LAZE
LAZE
CLIP
CLIP


Pop-
sicle
I GUESS SHE DECIDED AGAINST IT.
H...HMPH!!
SWIP
PINCH
PINCH


Now for Open the Price!!

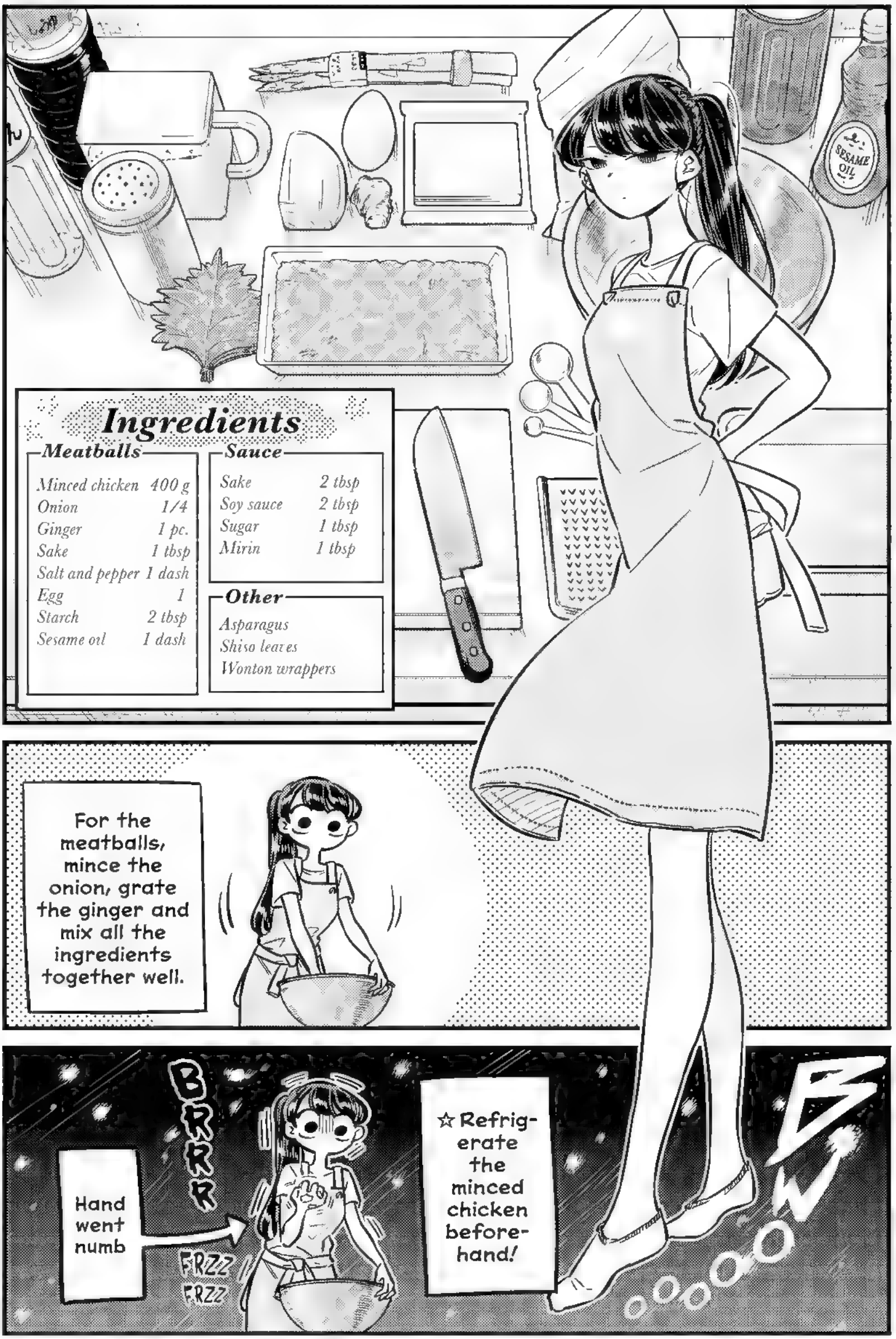
Enjoying how perfectly she fits
There is only one truth!!


Look how I've slimmed down!


Fifteen-Minute Cooking!

There! Plump chicken meat-balls!
I WASN'T WATCHING. WHY DON'T *YOU* MAKE IT?
HUH? YOU WANT THAT FOR DINNER?
EHN! EHN!
POINT
POINT

FINALLY, SOME ENTHU-SIASM!
Yay!
HMPH
3


SESAME OIL
Ingredients
Meatballs
Minced chicken 400 g
Onion 1/4
Ginger 1 pc.
Sake 1 tbsp
Salt and pepper 1 dash
Egg 1
Starch 2 tbsp
Sesame oil 1 dash
Sauce
Sake 2 tbsp
Soy sauce 2 tbsp
Sugar 1 tbsp
Mirin 1 tbsp
Other
Asparagus
Shiso leaves
Wonton wrappers
For the meatballs, mince the onion, grate the ginger and mix all the ingredients together well.
BRRR
Hand went numb
FRZZ FRZZ
☆Refrigerate the minced chicken beforehand!

SHALL I HELP?

THERE'S SOME LEFTOVER MEAT.

Shape the meatballs, cook on medium heat until color changes, then cover and continue cooking.

Okay! I get it! You have plans for that!

SZZZZZZZ

Add sauce and boil.

Shi-so

Aspar-agus

Won-tons

☆ Beware of splat-tering oil.

POP

Wrap the meat in chopped shiso leaves or wonton wrappers and fry in oil.

FINGER FOOD ASSORTMENT

Deep-fried wontons

Asparagus rolls

Plain meatballs

Shiso meatballs

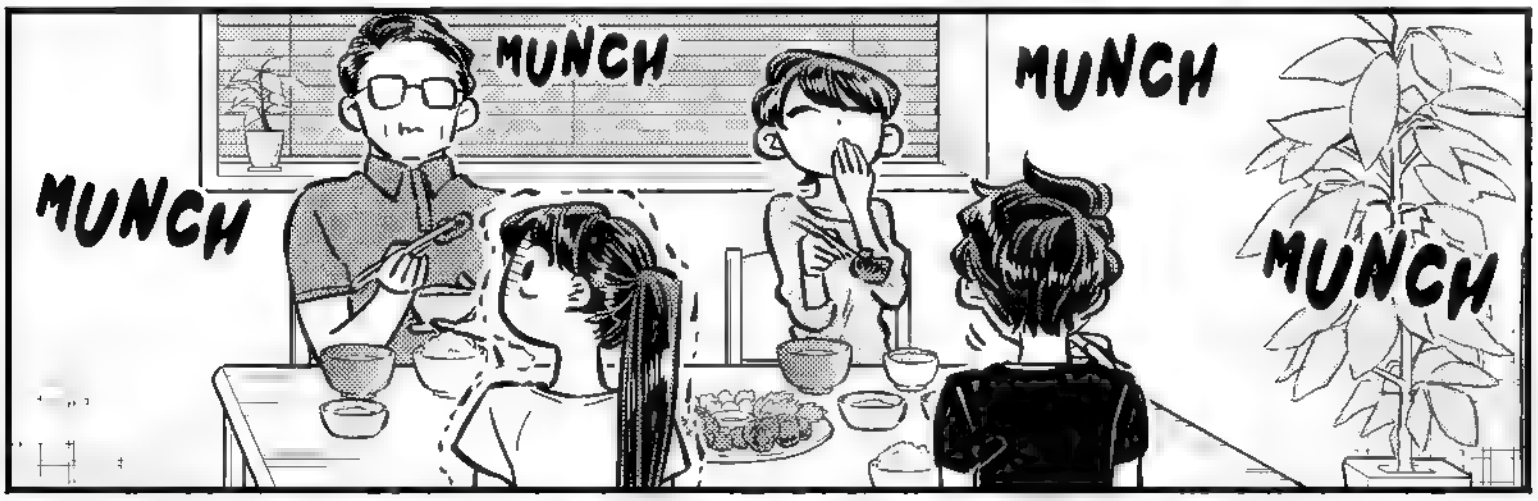
ALL DONE

Dinner's ready, everyone!

Tasted it, but isn't sure if it's good

BLE

TREMMM



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Adding honey makes dipping sauce gloopy!
HONEY
It's sweet and delicious!
Watch out for Clostridium botulinum!
ROYAL JELLY
Boys like sweet 'n' salty stuff!

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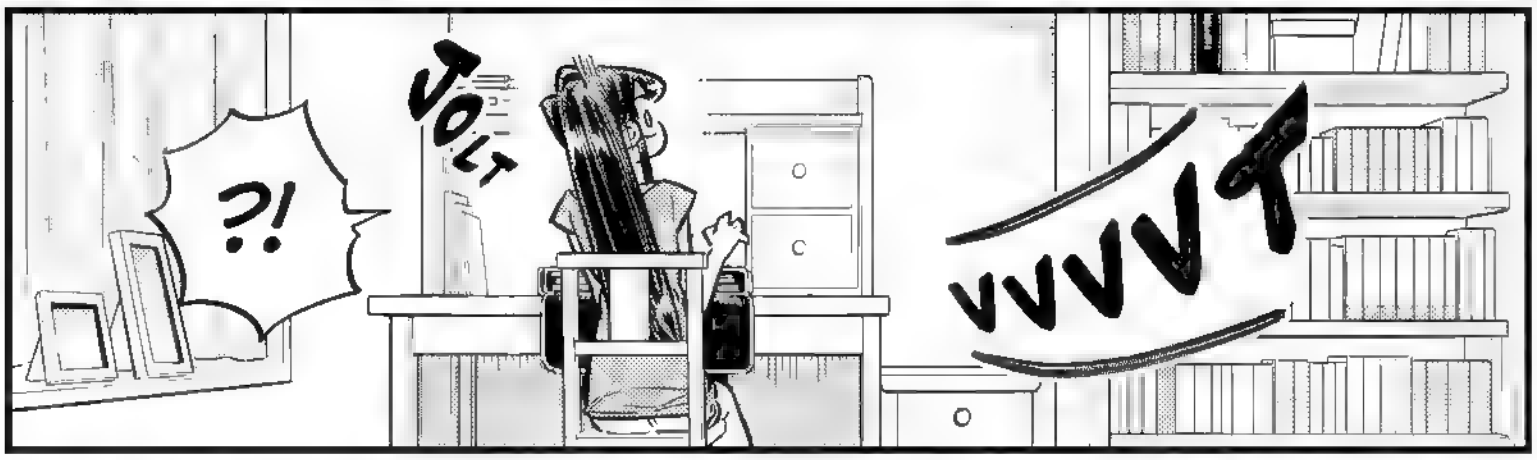
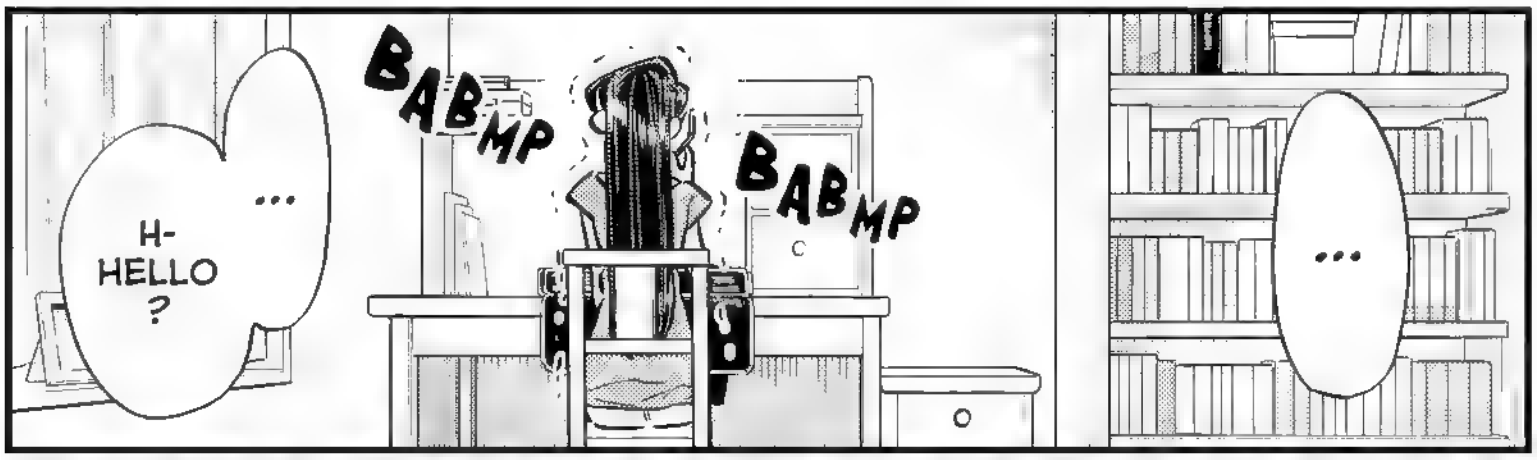
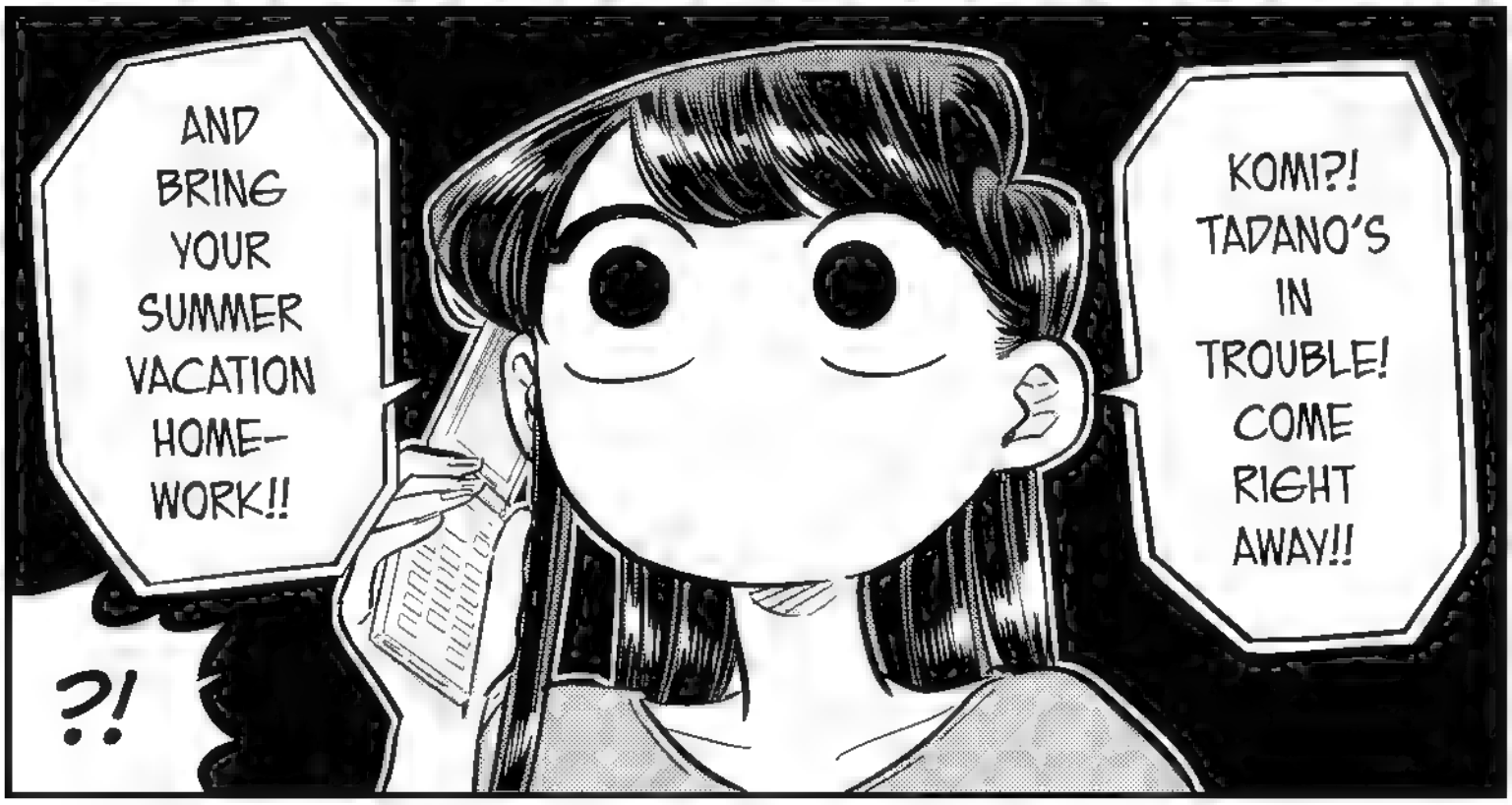






Communication 50: Summer Vacation Is Over

Tadano's apartment

She pushed it.

DING DONG

...

...

...

...

!!

...?

KACHA

SWEAT

FIDGET

FIDGET

SWEAT

...!

...

!!

WELCOME

HEY. THIS IS *MY* HOUSE.

Oh, you came! Step right in! Do pardon the mess!!

YAAAY

C-COME ON IN!

K...

KOMI IS IN MY HOUSE!

UM, KOMI?

Nervousness and curiosity mixing in a complicated jumble

TREMMMBLE

...

Come in here!

Let me in!

IT'S HER AGAIN!

SHUV

VVV

KOMI'S AT TADANO'S HOUSE?

HA HA HA... NO WAY...

KLONK

TADAAAH

OH...

Behold! This is Tadano and his sister's room!!

HITOHITO, YOU HAVE VISITORS?

How sad...

A HIGH SCHOOL KID SHARING A ROOM?

IS HIS FAMILY POOR? THAT FIGURES.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN "THAT FIGURES" ?! Anyway, it's not true!

BOW

THANKS FOR HANGING OUT WITH MY BROTHER.

I'M HITOMI TADANO.

WE SHARE A ROOM, SO I'LL PROBABLY BE IN THE WAY, BUT DON'T MIND ME, OKAY?!

SMILE

Sorta bowled over

OHHH!

...

HUH?
ARE YOU A GIRL NOW?
HM?
Is that new?
OH, NAJIMI!
Hi, Hitomi! How long's it been? About a year?
WOW, SHE'S PRETTY! IS SHE HITO-HITO'S GIRL-FRIEND?
YAY YAY
OH...
...OKAY!
I'M YAMAI! AND I'M COMING IN!
I'D LIKE A WORD WITH YOU.
...
...
There's no way you're friends with a goddess like that!!
HOW DID YOU GET *HER* TO COME?!
UM...
HUH?
HOW DID YOU MANAGE THIS?
In the hall

STARE

"I heard Tadano was in trouble."

I was lying about that!!

HUH? ME?

WHY IS THAT GIRL WRITING INSTEAD OF SPEAKING ?

?!

SHOCK

BA

I HAVE ASSEMBLED YOU HERE ...

...TO ACCOMPLISH A TASK OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE!!

!!

YEAH, THAT'S NO SURPRISE.

Blank!!

THE FACT IS I HAVEN'T DONE MY HOMEWORK! ANY OF IT!

...

NAJIMI NEVER THINKS AHEAD.

SERI-OUSLY? AGAIN?

WHY SO PRICKLY ?

You gotta show me yours, okay?!

So any-way!

Understand?!

IS IT THAT SURPRIS-ING?!

Eyes witnessing the unimag-inable

...

NO

ME TOO.

OF COURSE I'M DONE!

IF NOT, YOU CAN'T THROW STONES!

WELL, HAVE YOU ALL FINISHED ?!

HE NEVER DISAP-POINTS!

AS USUAL.

WELL, IF I PULL AN ALL-NIGHTER ...

...ABOUT SIX HOURS TO FINISH !!

...IT WILL ONLY TAKE ...

IF KOMI LETS ME COPY HER HOME-WORK...

SO I HAVE A TOTAL OF 19 HOURS AND 30 MINUTES !!

RIGHT NOW, IT'S 1 P.M., AND SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:30 TOMORROW MORNING.

...THAT LEAVES NINE HOURS TO WORK ...

BUT IF I SUBTRACT TIME FOR EATING, SLEEPING, PEEING AND COM-MUTING...

I BET YOU THINK WE HAVE THREE FREE HOURS!!

Well, we don't!

YPPPAY

Let's play video games!

...AND THREE HOURS TO MESS AROUND !!

WHAM

WHAAAT?!

Najimi deserves this!

KOMI, DON'T GIVE NAJIMI YOUR NOTE-BOOK!

BE-SIDES! IT'S WRONG TO JUST COPY!

BUT THE REST OF YOU WILL BE BORED.

THE TWO OF US HAVE TO DO OUR HOME-WORK.

You're uptight, Tadano!! Spoilsport! Meanie! Sadist! But I don't hate you!

WHAT A GOOD STUDENT!

I'll review my homework too.

...

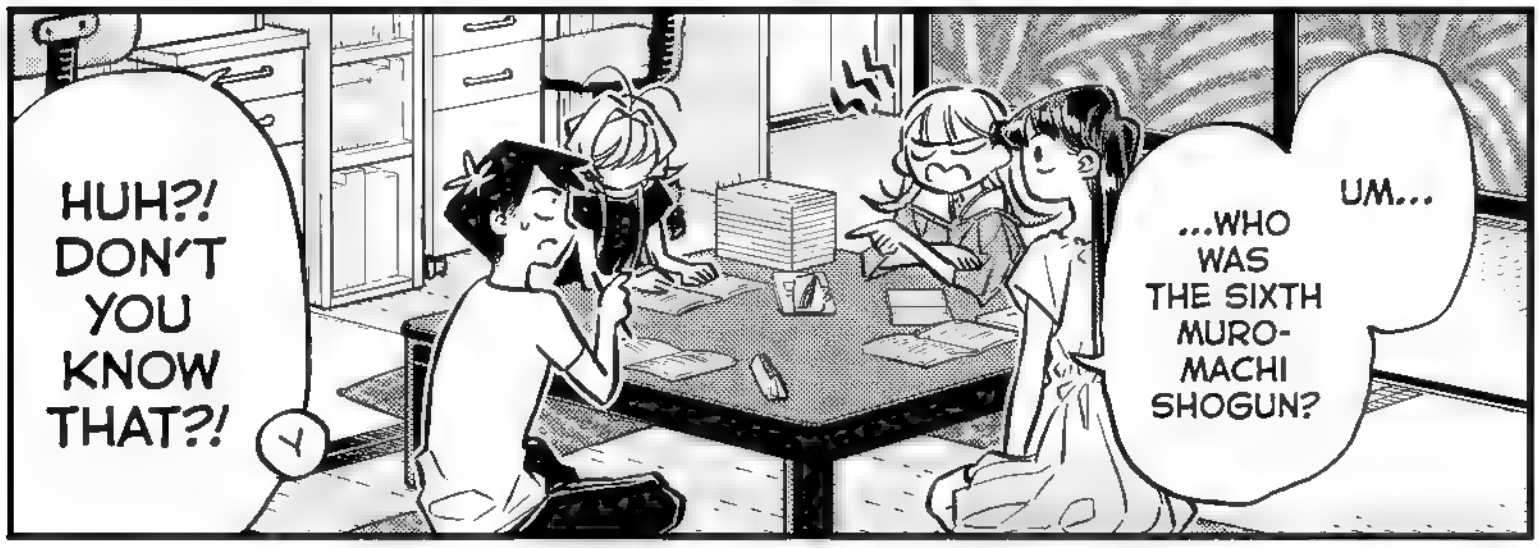
エフフ

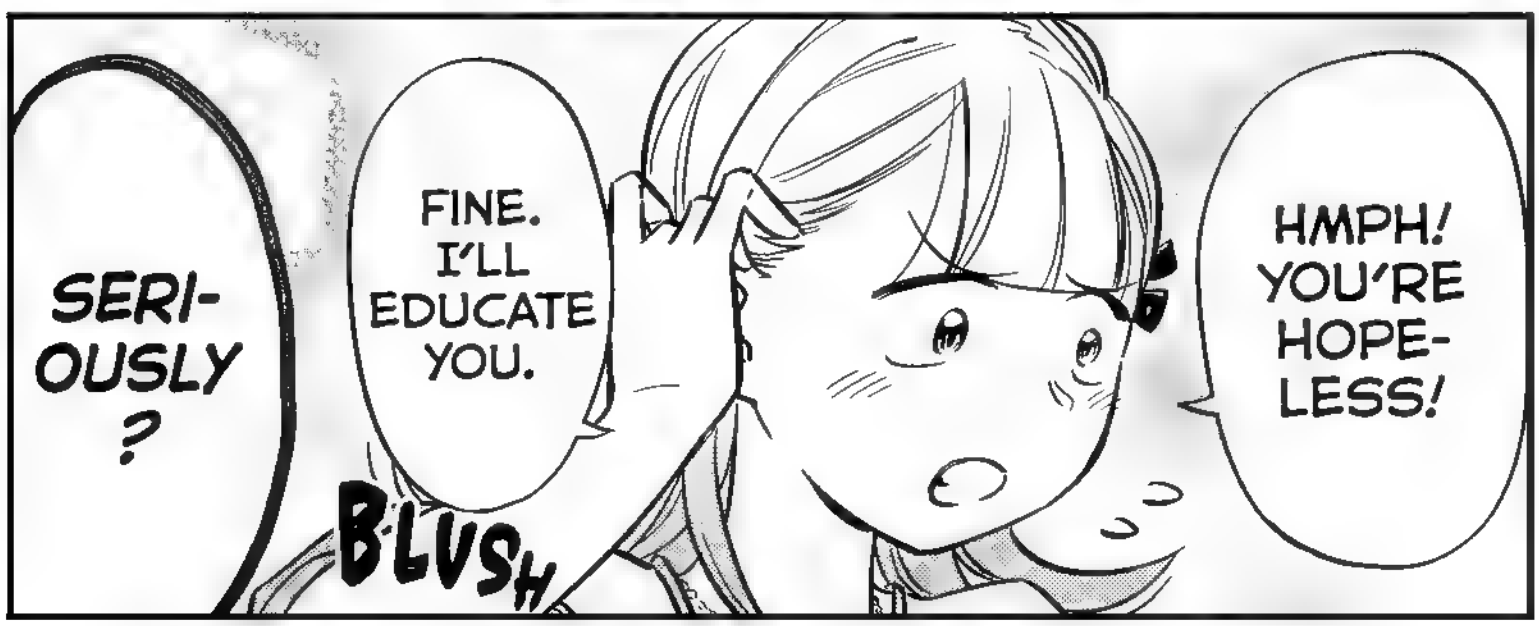
エフフ

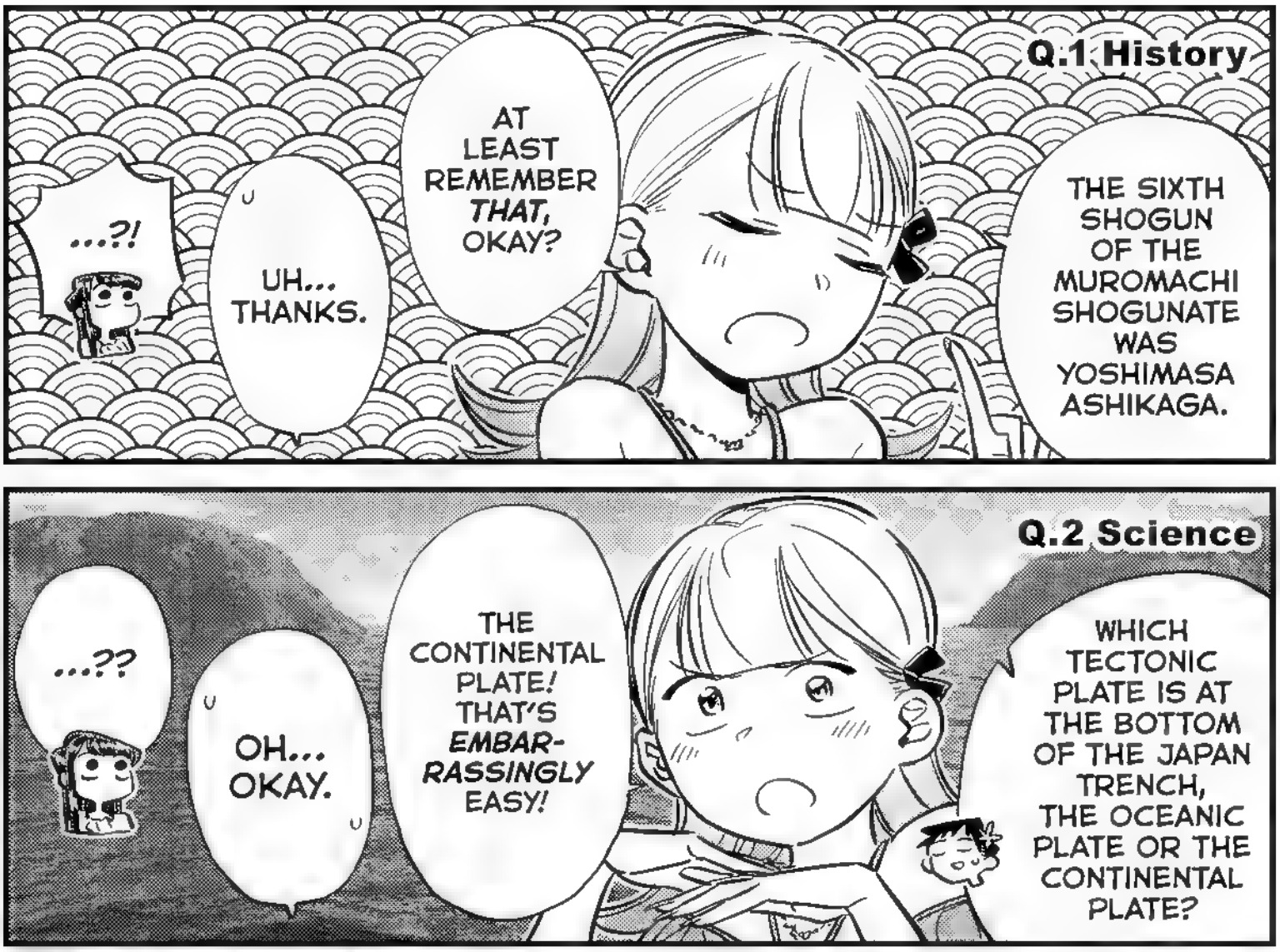
I'll review my

AND *I'LL* USE THIS OP-PORTUNITY TO DROOL OVER KOMI.

SKRK
SKRK
SKRK
SKRK
TRMBL
TRMBL
—Huh? Already?
SKRK
SKRK
SKRK


HUH?! DON'T YOU KNOW THAT?!
UM... ...WHO WAS THE SIXTH MURO-MACHI SHOGUN?


SERI-OUSLY?
FINE. I'LL EDUCATE YOU.
BLUSH
HMPH! YOU'RE HOPE-LESS!


Q.1 History
THE SIXTH SHOGUN OF THE MUROMACHI SHOGUNATE WAS YOSHIMASA ASHIKAGA.
AT LEAST REMEMBER *THAT*, OKAY?
UH... THANKS.
...?!
Q.2 Science
WHICH TECTONIC PLATE IS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE JAPAN TRENCH, THE OCEANIC PLATE OR THE CONTINENTAL PLATE?
THE CONTINENTAL PLATE! THAT'S *EMBARRASSINGLY* EASY!
OH... OKAY.
...??
Q.3 Math
X3+64
SO THIS FACTORIZATION ...
IT'S (X - 4) (X2 + 4X + 16).
THINK FOR YOURSELF FOR ONCE!
UM... SORRY.
...
"SHE IS BAD AT COMMUNICATION, ALTHOUGH PEOPLE OFTEN SPEAK TO HER."
IN JAPANESE, THAT'S ...
"KANOJO WA TOTEMO AKARUKU GENKI DE, TOKU NI NINGEN-KANKEI NI WA SUKI GA NAI."
WAIT A MINUTE! ARE ALL HER ANSWERS ACTUALLY *WRONG* ?!
Starting to worry her own answers are wrong
Q.4 English

Correct Answers

Q.1: Yoshinori Ashikaga Q.2 Oceanic plate Q.3 (x + 4) (x2 - 4x + 16) Q.4 Kanojo wa yoku hanashikakerareru ga, communication ga nagate da.

...
SKRK
SKRK
SKRK
SKRK
...
UH-HUH.
WELL, SUMMER'S OVER! IT SURE WENT FAST!
SKRK
SKRK
SKRK
SKRK
...
YEAH, EXCEPT FOR THE FIRST WEEK.
WE HAD SOME GOOD TIMES, HUH?

THAT'S MORE THAN ONCE A DAY.
I WENT 51 TIMES THIS SUMMER!
LIKE... WE WENT TO THE POOL!
THEN YAMAI FILED DOWN THE BUMP THAT TRIPPED HER.
NOD
KOMI FELL DOWN AND HURT HER KNEE! HAS THAT HEALED?
SHE TOOK A PHOTO ?!
Yeah!
I GOT A PIC OF THE BUMP! WANNA SEE?
WELL, I LEFT RIGHT AWAY, SO...
"Next time, say hello."
?!
I SAW YOU AT THE LIBRARY, KOMI.

IT WAS SO HOT I ALMOST *DIED!*

?!

DID YOU KNOW TADANO WAS IN THE COSTUME?

AND WE DID THAT JOB HANDING OUT POCKET TISSUES! I THOUGHT WE'D NEVER REACH 5,000!

Little Akira ...?

...?

"First-year, junior high."

OH, HOW OLD IS LITTLE AKIRA NOW?

HITOMI, DID YOU GO SOMEWHERE FOR THE OBON FESTI-VAL?

YEP!

I FORGOT TO GET IT...

Seriously? Too bad!

TADANO, WHERE'S THE PRIZE YOU WON FOR CANDY CUT-TING?

AND WE WENT TO A FESTIVAL!

HEY, THAT'S A SECRET!

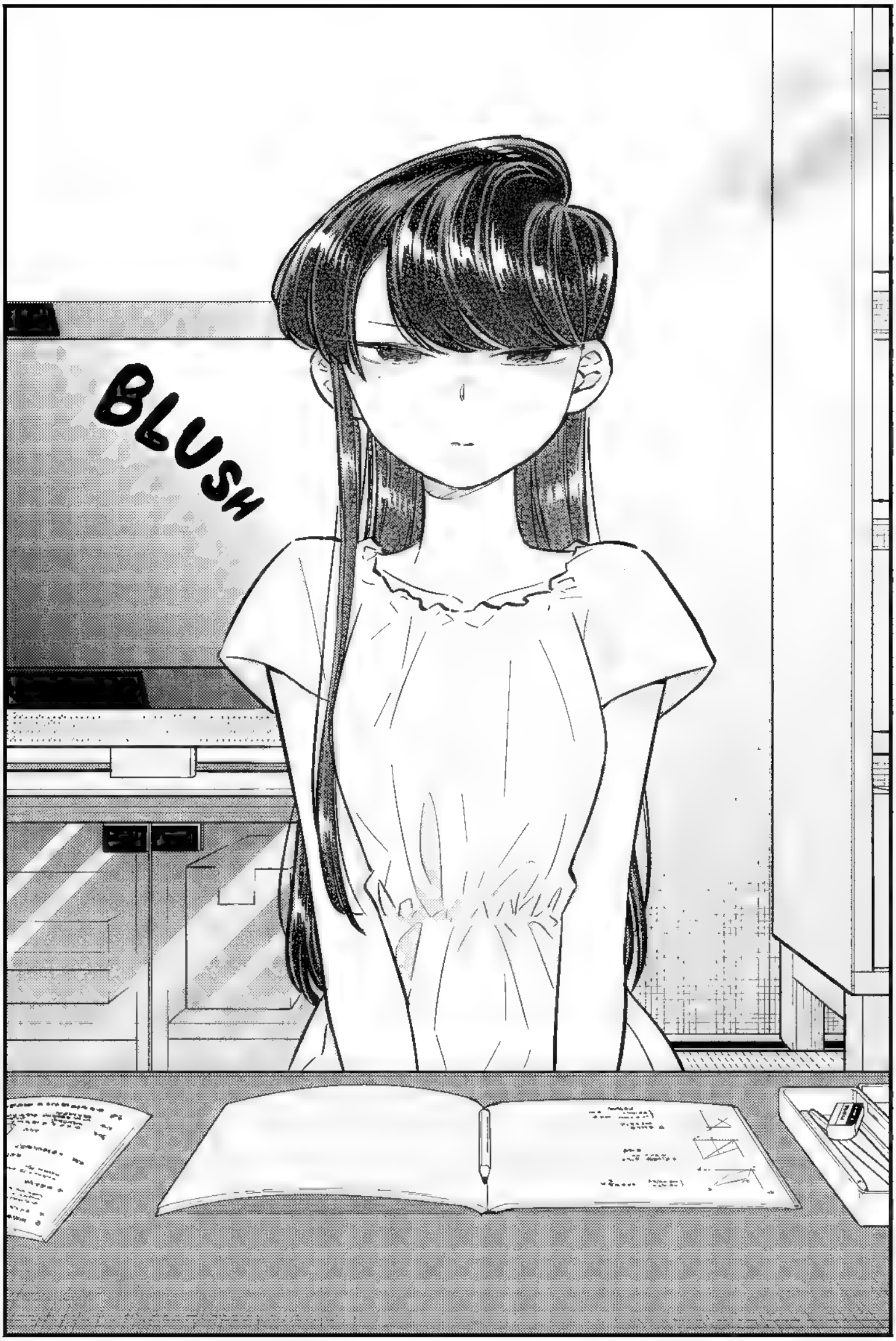
AH HA HA

AH HA HA! YAMAI WAS GONNA ASK KOMI OUT, BUT IT NEVER HAPPENED!

HUH ?

YOU GUYS WENT TO NAKA-NAKA'S?

AND PLAYING *SWAMP BROS.* WITH NAKANAKA WAS INTENSE!


BLUSH

?!
HM? KOMI ?
W- WHAT'S WRONG, KOMI?!
Sorry. I'm fine.
For the first time, I don't want summer break to end.
For

Communication 50 — The End

TWEET
TWEET
Didn't finish
Finished
Z Z Z Z Z
Komi and Yamai went home.

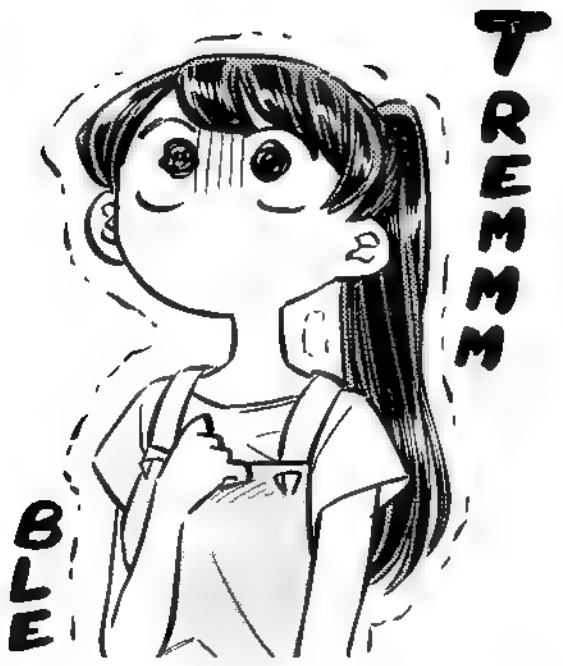
Komi Can't Communicate

Even quiet girls open their mouths for a good sandwich!

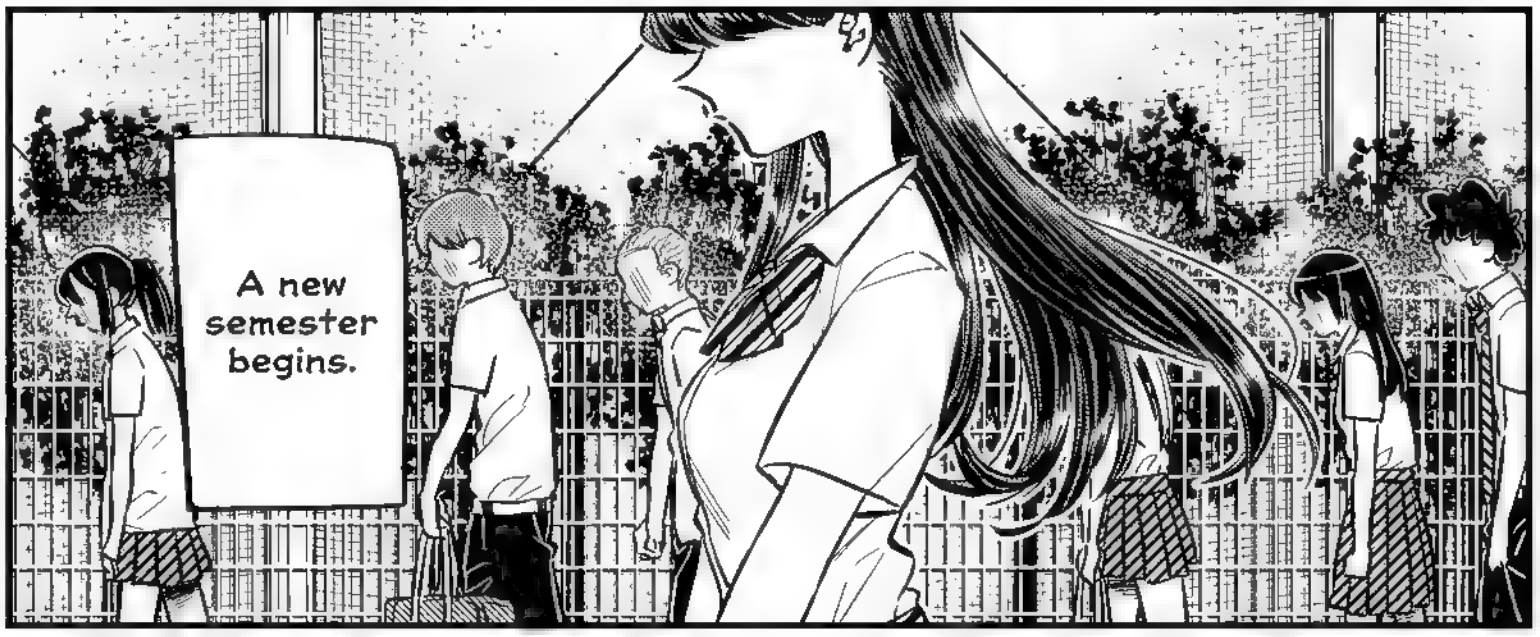
SABOWEY

Eat flashy!

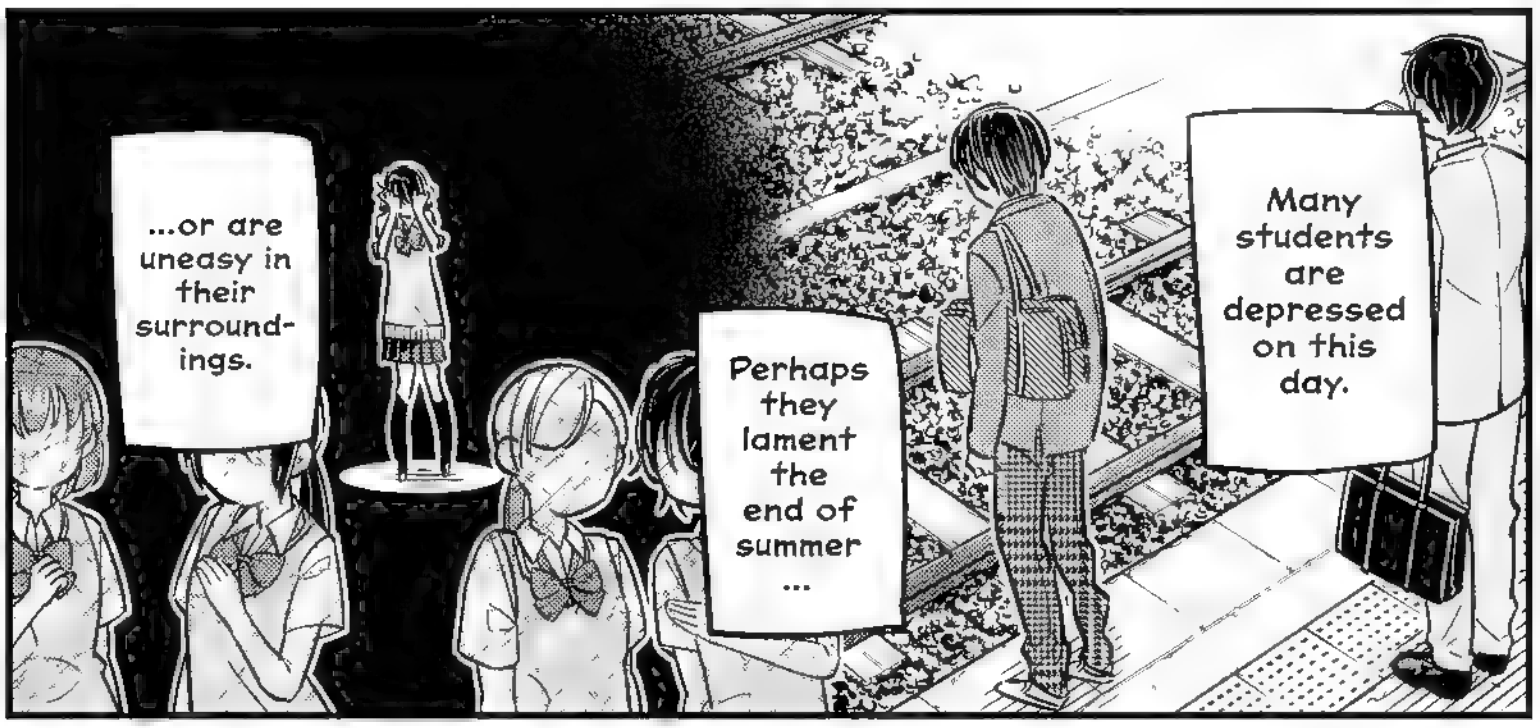
The after-school snack that shines!

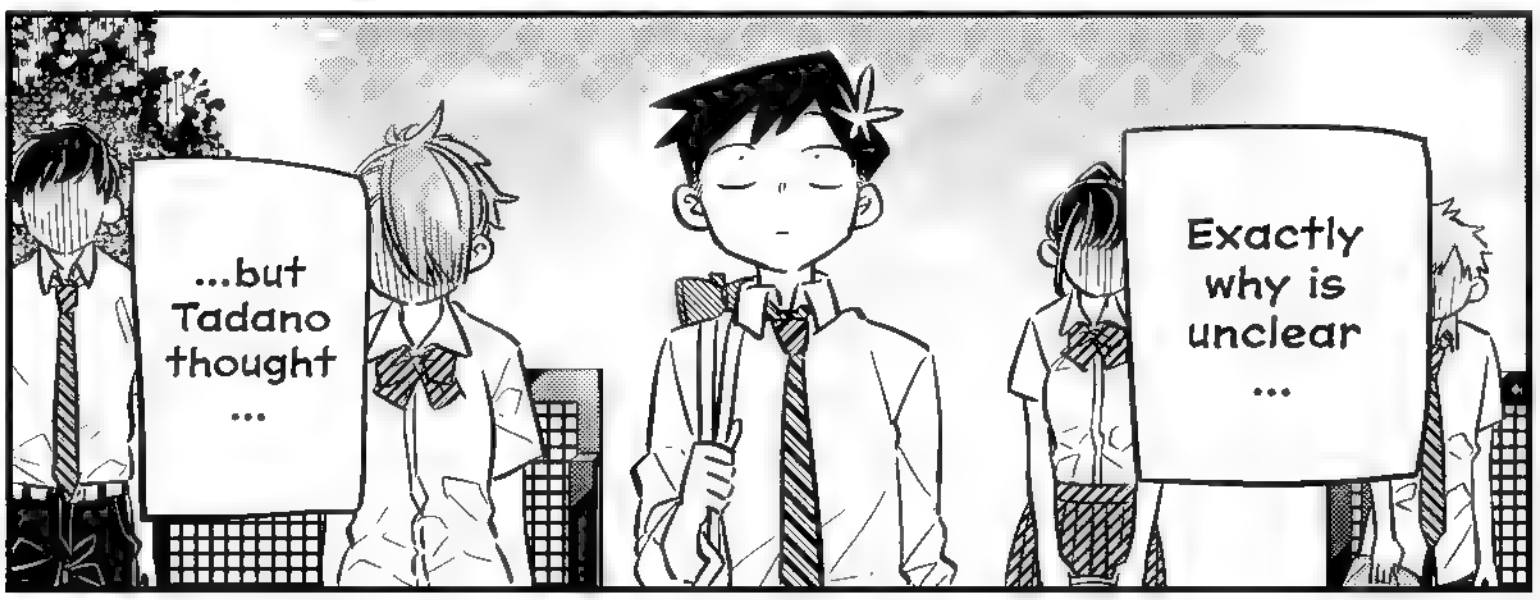


Komi Can't Communicate


A new semester begins.

September 1


...or are uneasy in their surround-ings.
Perhaps they lament the end of summer ...
Many students are depressed on this day.


...but Tadano thought ...
Exactly why is unclear ...

*What the students are saying:
-Komi...
-There's Komi. Whoa...
-I haven't seen Komi for a whole month!
-I'm so happy I could burst.
-Oh, how I have longed for this day...
-It's been so long... So very long...
-Look over here, Komi!/
-SIGH...SNIFF SNIFF.../Ahhh...
-Wah! She looked at me!
-No way! She was lookin' at me!
-Hunh?! You wanna fight?!
...and so on, *ad infinitum.*
"The students here are perfectly *giddy!*"
Komi Can't Communicate

Communication 51: A Country Girl

AH'M DEPRESSED ...

GLOOOOM

SIGH

Komiii!

WHEN AH THINK ABOUT STARTIN' SCHOOL, AH GIT A HITCH IN MAH BREATHIN'.

SIIIIIIGH

MAH NAME'S NOKOKO INAKA.

AH... AH'M ...

AH HA HA

AIN'T NOBODY GUESSED IT YET, BUT...

JOLT

JOLT

Inaka is a country bumpkin.

AH'M A COUNTRY BUMP-KIN!!

...THEY MIGHT THROW ROCKS AT ME.

Get lost, redneck!

Get her!

City

Urban

AH DIDN'T TALK MUCH, 'CAUSE IF THE OTHER STUDENTS FOUND OUT...

FIRST SEMESTER WAS SOMETHIN' FRIGHTFUL.

Opening ceremony

...BUT MINE WAS FIVE CENTI-METERS BELOW MAH KNEES.

Short jus' wouldn't suit me!

THE OTHER GALS WORE THEIR SKIRTS SHORT ...

...AH DIDN'T SAY NUTHIN'.

AH HA HA

WHEN THE OTHER YOUNG FOLKS WAS HAVIN' FUN...

TEE HEE HEE

MY SKIRT'S THREE CENTI-METERS BELOW MAH KNEES!!

AH'M A NEW GAL!

BUT TODAY'S DIFFER-ENT!!

Low-ering it

AH'M ...

...SO EMBAR-RASSED.

...

AH CAN'T LIVE LIKE THIS!
!
SIGH... IT'S DEPRESSIN' TO BE SO COUNTRIFIED.
God-dess
GASP! THERE'S THE CLASS GODDESS! IT'S KOMI!!

City girl
A TRUE CITY GAL!
WOW! SHE'S SO PURTY!

She has an unin-spired image of city women.
SHOPPING
OOH-OOS
JUS' LIKE KOMI, AH WANNA BE A CITY GAL WITH A STANDBAKES COFFEE IN ONE MITT AND DOCUMENTS UNDER MAH ARM AS AH STROLL DOWN STREETS LINED WITH OFFICE BUILDINGS!!

GASP

HUH?! WE HAVE *CLASSES* TODAY ?!

ISN'T IT A HALF DAY BECAUSE OF THE OPENING CEREMONY?! I DIDN'T BRING LUNCH!

?!

On toasted bread.

Komi, run to Sabowey and get me a turkey avocado sandwich with lots of honey, oats, cheese, lettuce, pickles, olives, hold the onions, with balsamic dressing, make it a combo with basil fries and a diet cola.

AH HA HA! DON'T BE MEAN, TADANO!

I STILL HAVEN'T FINISHED MY HOME-WORK!

BUY IT YOUR-SELF!

CURIOUS

SABOWEY'S THAT FANCY PLACE NEXT TO STAND-BAKES!

BESIDES, KOMI IS GETTING BETTER AT COMMUNICATION, SO SHE SHOULD GIVE IT A TRY!

N

YOU'RE JUST TOO *LAZY* TO GO!

T

...AS AH EAT A SABO-WEY SAND-WICH!!

IT DOESN'T COMPLY WITH REGULA-TIONS.

WOW! AH WANNA SAY SOMETHIN' LIKE...

!!

HUH? YOU'LL DO IT?

NOD

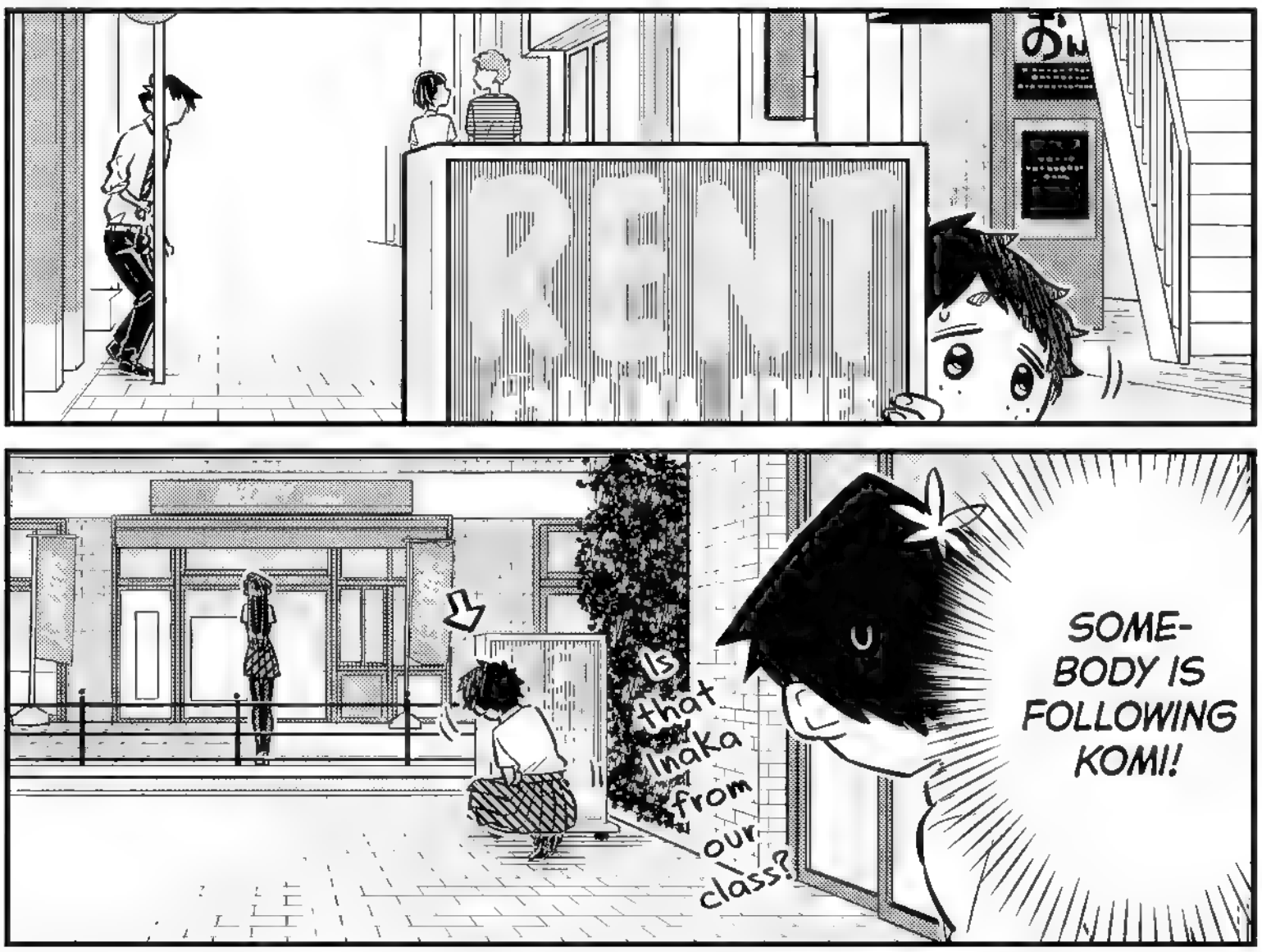
YOU'RE MY *FRIEND*, RIGHT? SO HELP ME OUT HERE!

...SO AH CAN BE A CITY GAL CAPABLE OF BUYIN' SAND-WICHES!!

KSPLASH

KOMI'S GOIN' TO SABOWEY?! THIS'S MAH CHANCE! AH'LL WATCH HOW SHE DOES IT...

SABOWEY
839CAFE


RENT
Is that Inaka from our class?
SOME-BODY IS FOLLOWING KOMI!

Y-YOU CAN DO IT, KOMI!!
TREMMBLE
Nervous about going into Sabowey
?!
GLEAM
SPARKLE
TWINKLE
WOW ...

AH'D GIT THE JITTERS AND RUSH IN!
GOLLY! AS COOL AS A CUCUMBER, SHE JUS' STANDS THERE FACIN' THAT SWANK SHOP!
I THINK INAKA'S GOT THE WRONG IDEA...
SIGH
SHE'S SO CALM AND NIFTY!

EEP! AH BETTER GO IN TOO!

Finally found the courage to enter

A STYLISH SPACE FULL OF COMPETENT WORKING PEOPLE

SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE

Trembling at the sight of this stylish space full of competent working people

QUAKE QUAKE QUAKE QUAKE QUAKE

Convulsing at the sight of this stylish space full of competent working people

ULP! YOU GOTTA BE READY WITH YER ORDER ...

...SO THE CASHIER DOESN'T HAVE TO WAIT!

SWSH

?

WELCOME! I CAN TAKE YOUR ORDER!

HUUUUUUUUUUUUH?!

Komi stepped back outside.

TWIP

Got scared and fled

WHY'D SHE DO THAT?!

SH-SHE WENT BACK OUT?!

H...

H...

YER OWN PACE! YER OWN STYLE! THAT'S WHAT YA GOTTA DO! THAT'S WHAT'S COOL!

HOW COOL IS THAT?! SHE DIDN'T CARE ONE LICK FER THAT CASHIER'S FEELINGS!

Coming back in

SHUCKS! AH'M LEARNIN' GOBS O' STUFF!

Welcome!

Order-ing

OOH! LOOKIT THOSE VEGETABLES! THEY LOOK MIGHTY TASTY!

TADAAAH

?!

ANY DRES-SING?

YOU WANT ALL THE VEGE-TABLES?

WOULD YOU LIKE A COMBO MEAL?

SHALL I TOAST IT?

WHAT TOPPINGS WOULD YOU LIKE?

WHICH BREAD WOULD YOU LIKE?

A SABOWEY TURKEY AVOCADO SAND-WICH?

IS THAT TO GO?

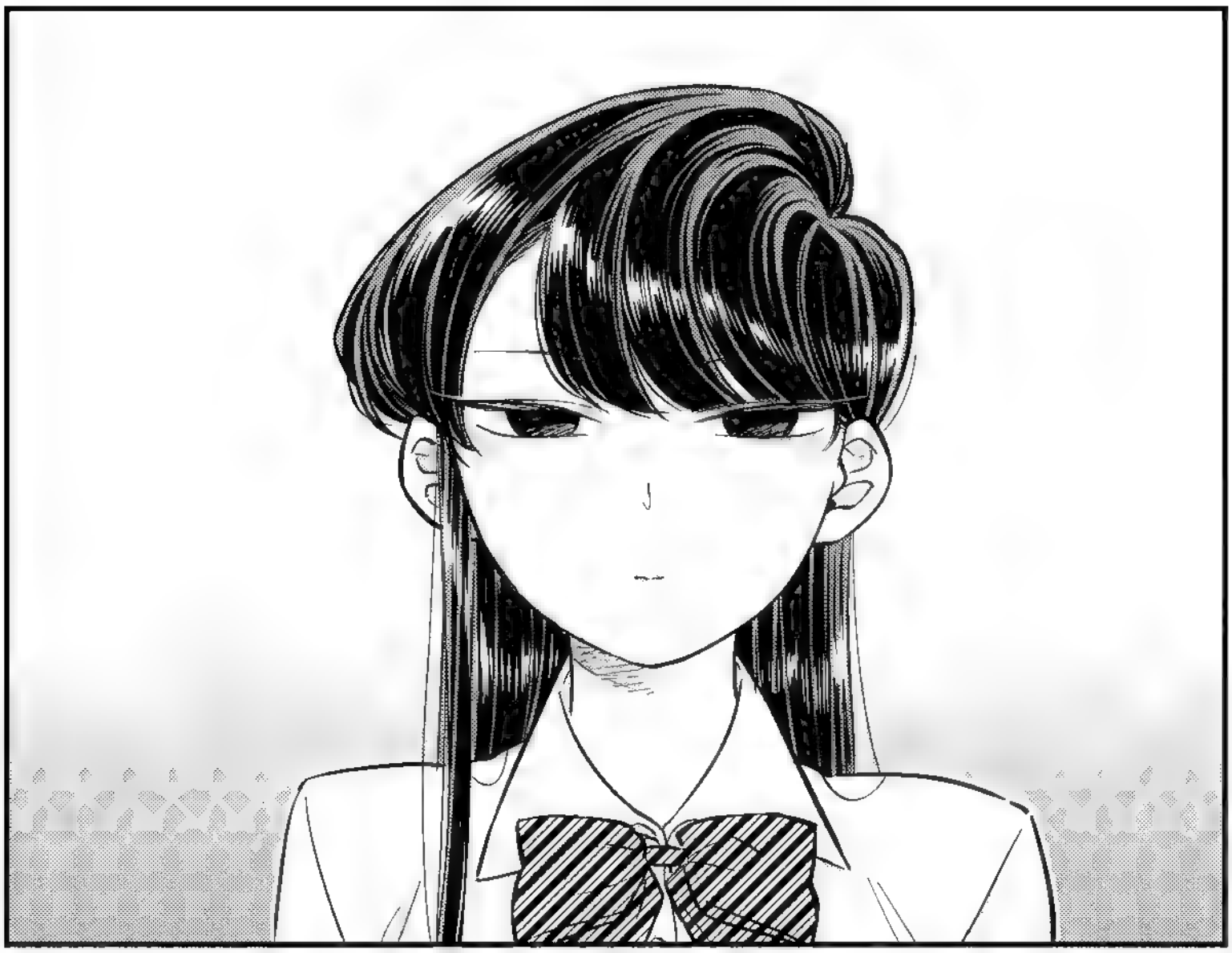
Pan-icking

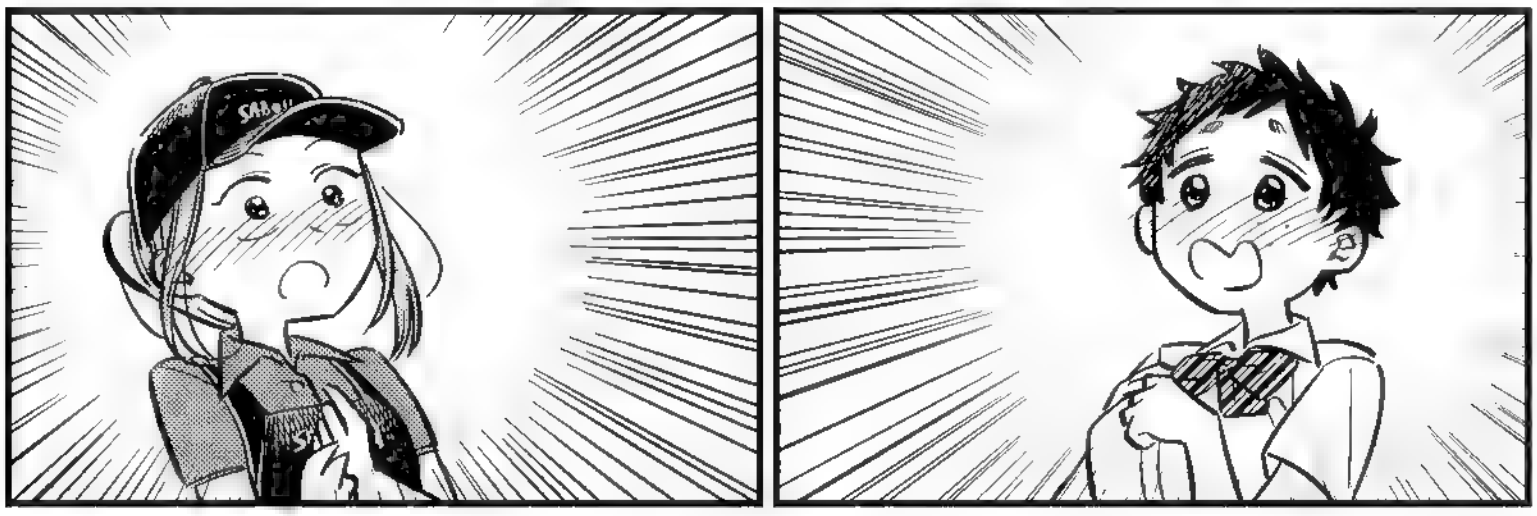
I D-DON'T R-RECKON AH C-C-C-CAN...

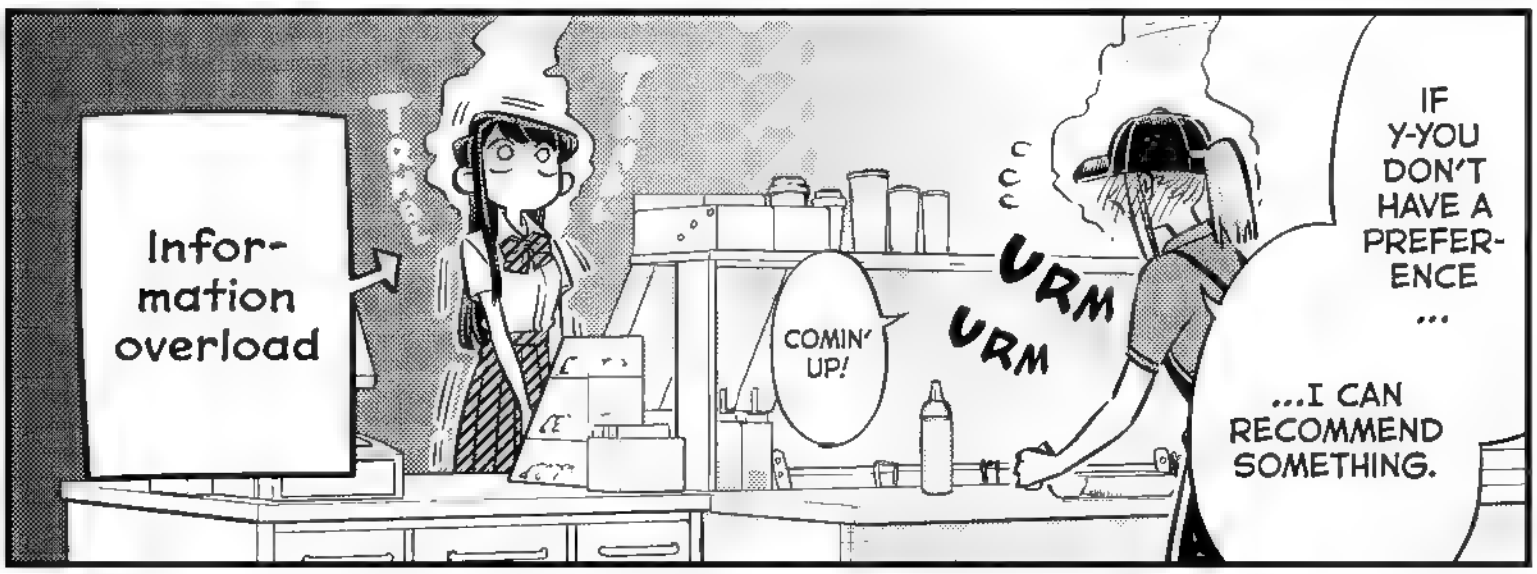
HUH?! ORDERIN' SEEMS H-H-HARD!

GLANCE

...






Infor-
mation
overload
TRRR
COMIN' UP!
URM
URM
IF Y-YOU DON'T HAVE A PREFER-ENCE ...
...I CAN RECOMMEND SOMETHING.

RECOMMENDED

Thank you for your purchase!!

ESHHH

WOW!!

GUSHHH

W...

THAT GAL'S GOT GRIT!

SHE WITHSTOOD THAT BARRAGE AND ORDERED WITH A SINGLE SMILE!!

AND SOMEDAY AH'LL BE A CITY GAL TOO!!

SHINE

SHINE

AH'M GONNA FOLLOW HER FOREVER!

And she did it well enough.

No, wait ...

CLOMP

AH'VE MADE UP MAH MIND! JUS' LIKE KOMI, AH'M GONNA BUY A SANDWICH!!

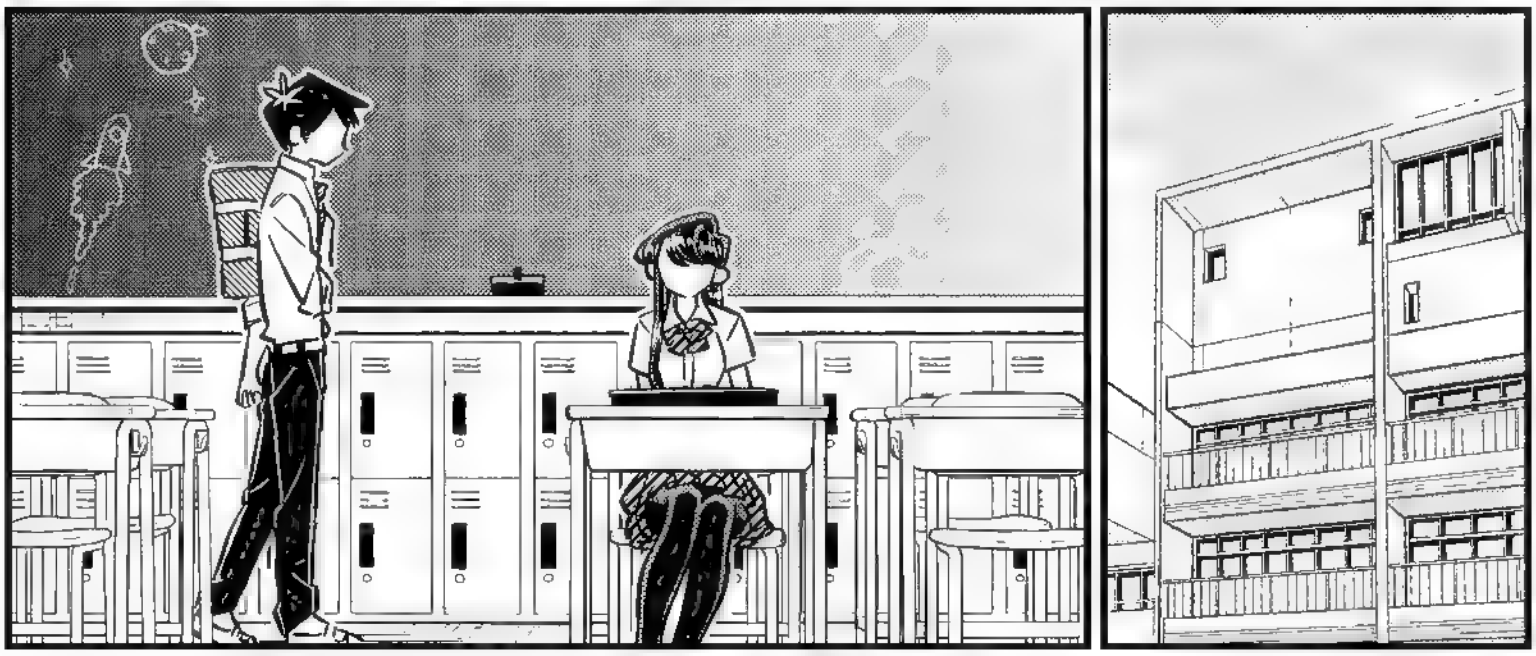
THIS IS...

...WRONG.

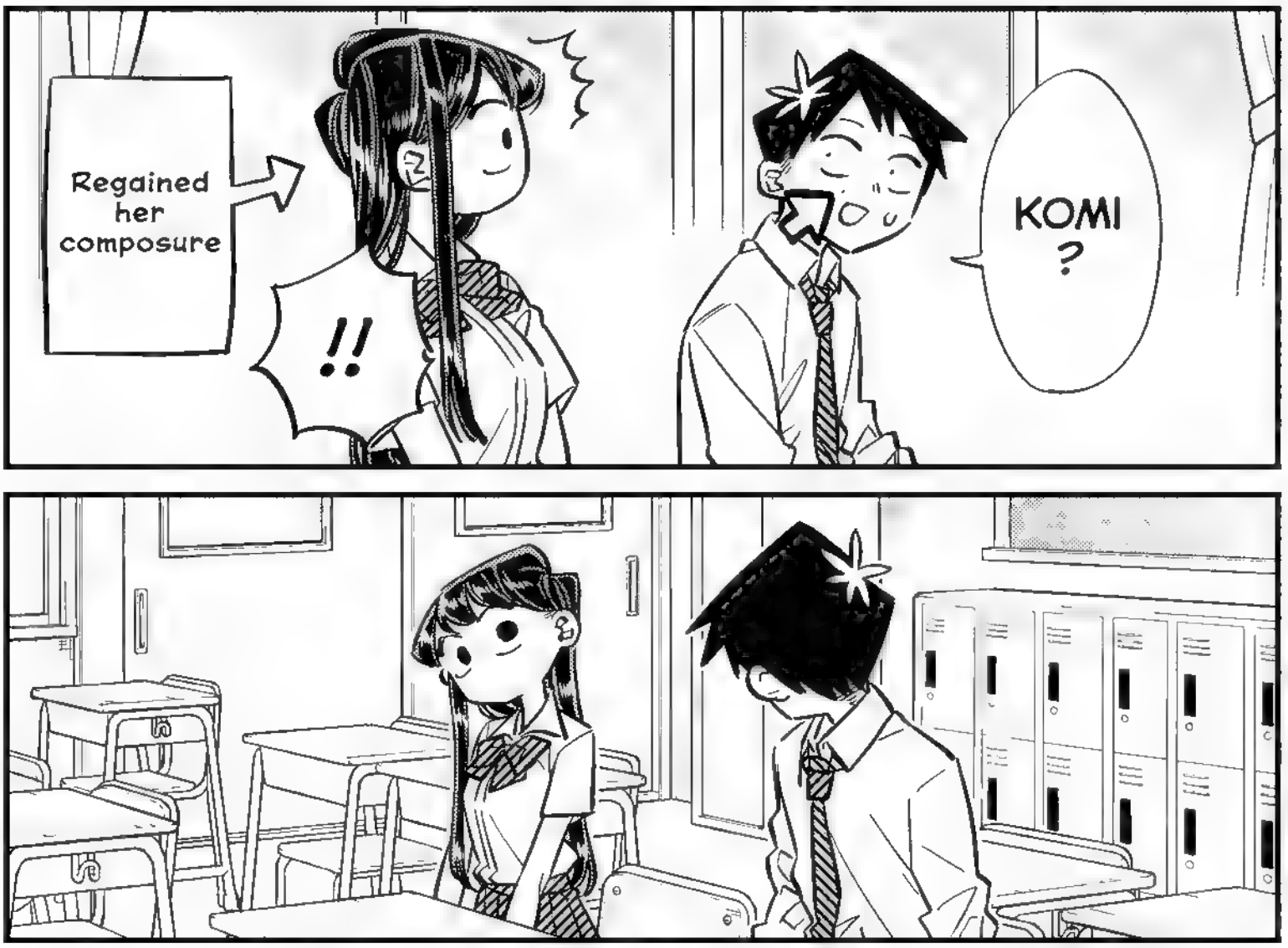
UM, KOMI?

Communication 51 – The End

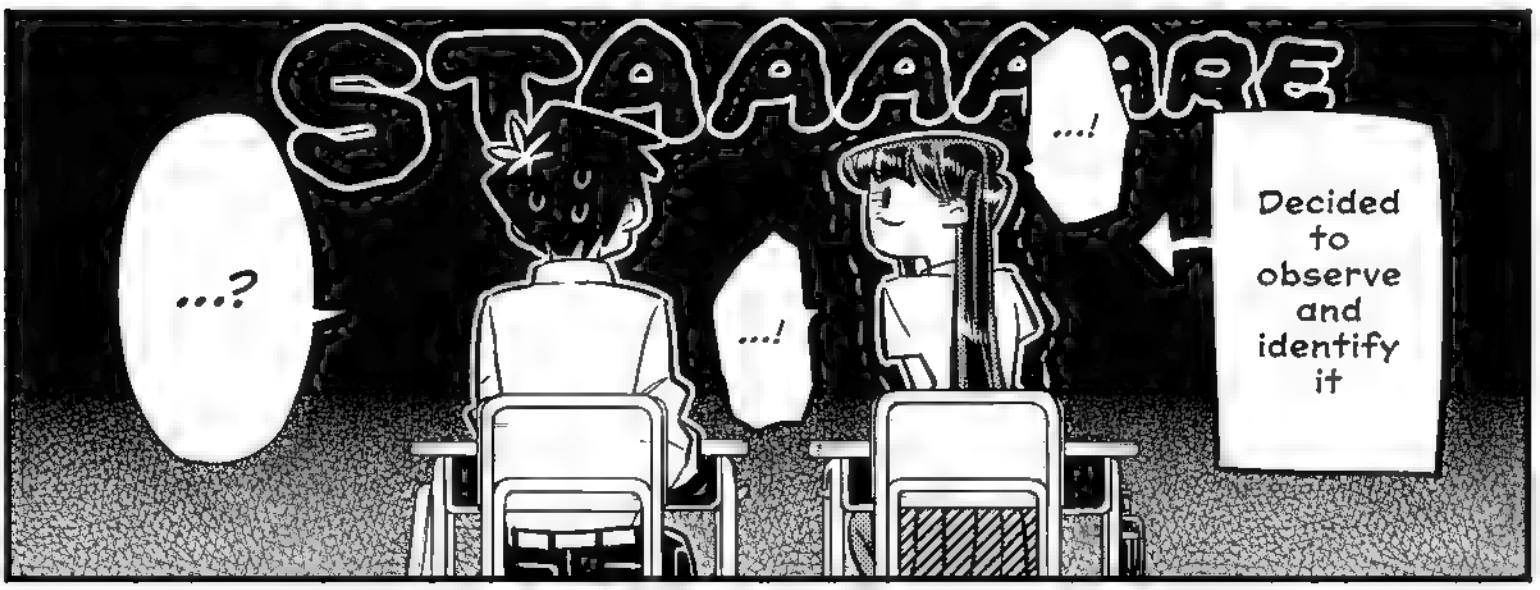
Komi Can't Communicate



Communication 52: Something on Your Face


Regained her composure
!!
KOMI ?

Wondering if she should say something


STAAAARE
...?
...!
...!
Decided to observe and identify it

Can't figure it out despite close obser-vation

...??

HMPH

HM? WHAT ?

?!

Poke

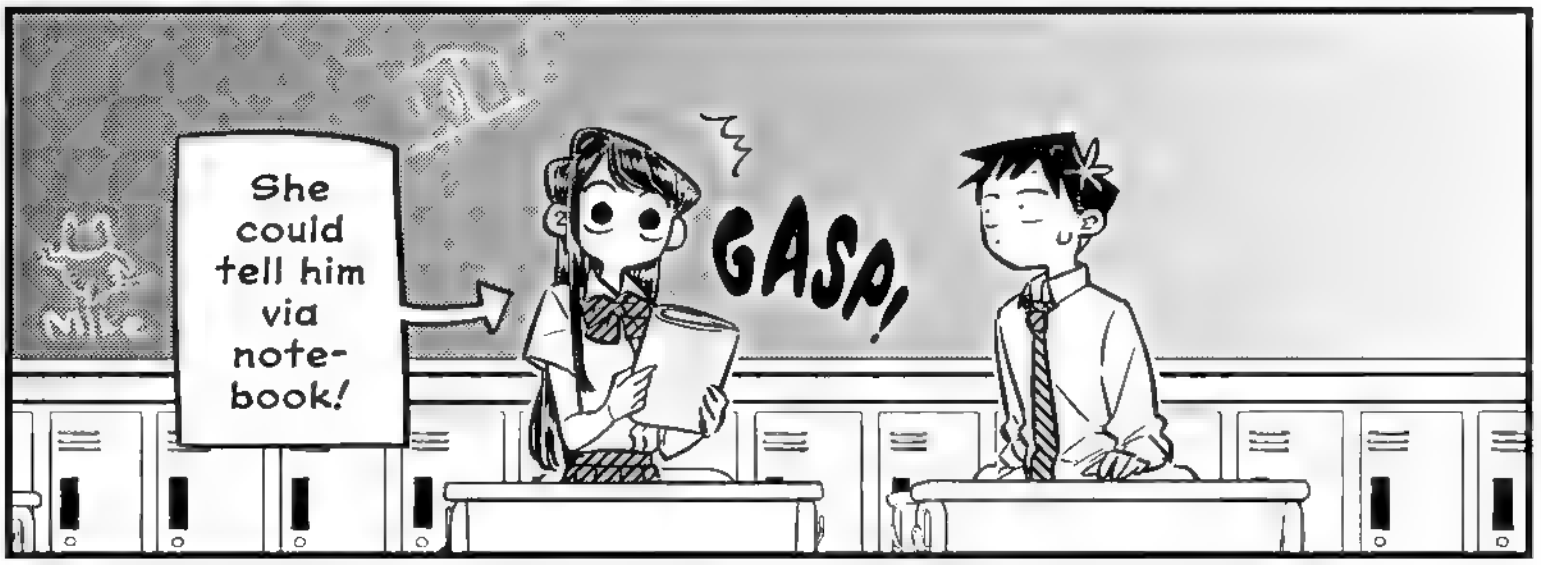
Q.

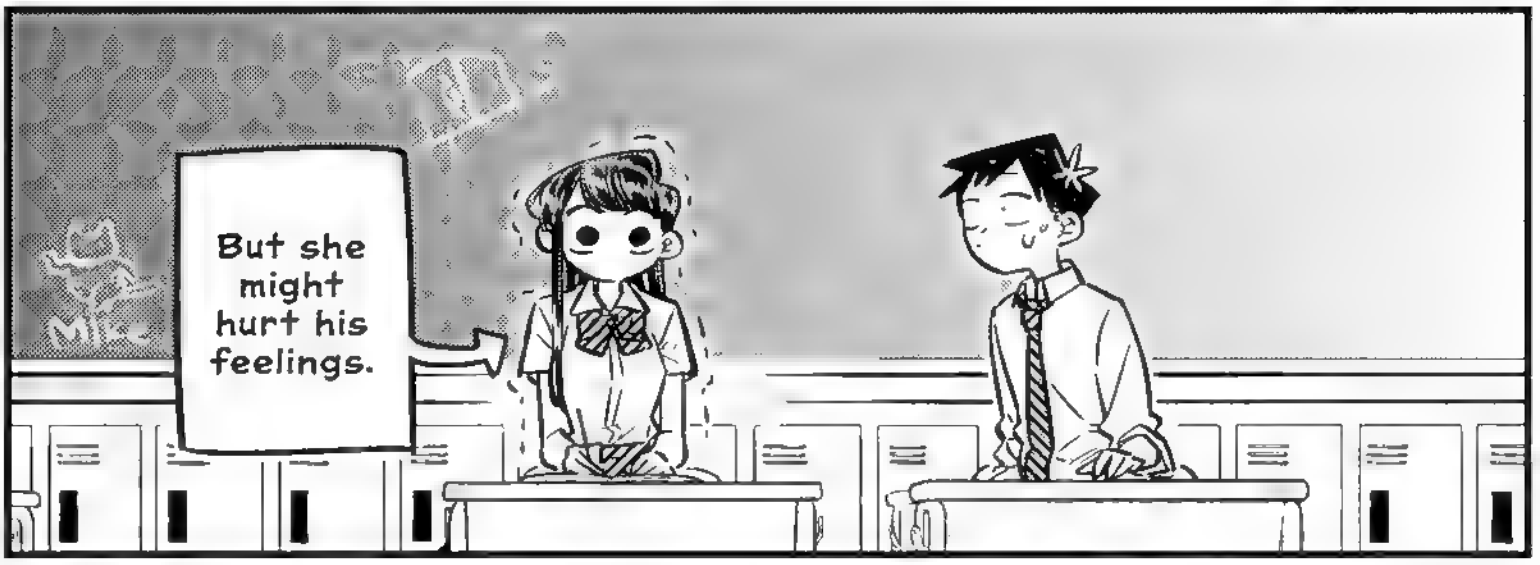
HUH? WHY DO YOU ASK ?!

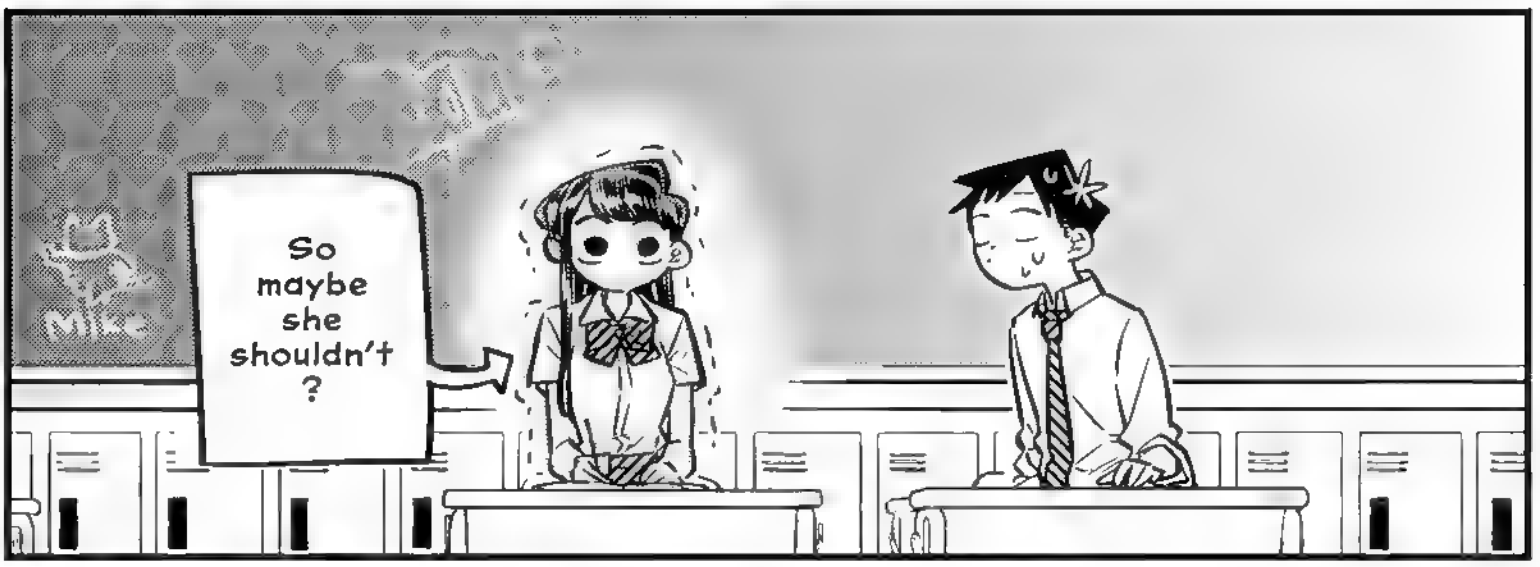
Suggesting he's usually better at guessing

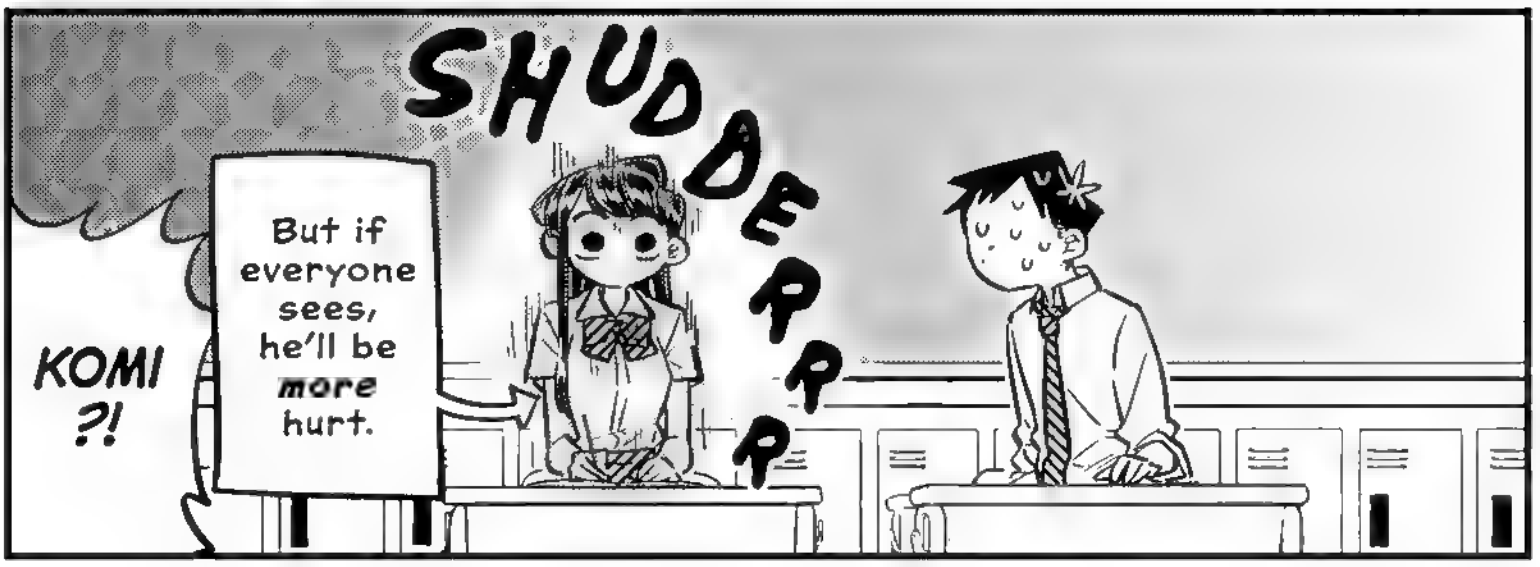
Are you really Tadano?

TRMBL TRMBL


She could tell him via note-book!
GASP!


But she might hurt his feelings.


So maybe she shouldn't ?


But if everyone sees, he'll be more hurt.
SHUDDERRR
KOMI ?!

TREMMMBLE

Nearly in tears from mental turmoil

?!

Doesn't know what to do

...

!!!

She's saved!

!!

Hi! Komi! Tadano! Good morning!!

??

???

!!!!!

GRIP

FWIP FWIP

Ah ha ha! What're you doing, Komi?

?!

?!

What's wrong, Komi?

?! ?!

...N-NICE TO-OAY ?!

G-GOOD M-MORNING! ISN'T THE W-WEATHER...

?! ?! ?! ?! ?!

I LOVE YOU !

GOOD MORNING, KOMI!

!?! ?!? ?!?!? !?!? !?!?!? ?!?! ?!? !?

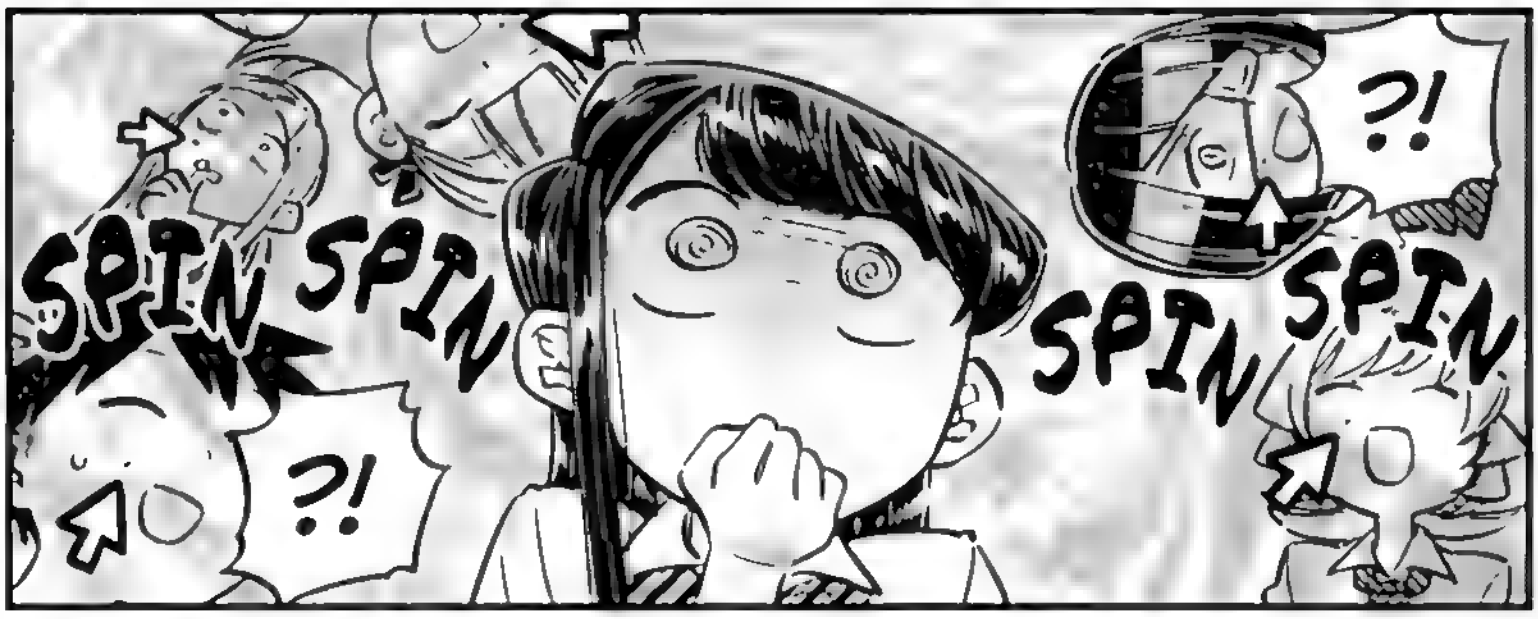
Yet again, the Dragon Force shines within you!

MWA HA HA

!?! ??! ?? !??

GRRRD

Komi got here first again...


SPIN
SPIN
?!
SPIN
SPIN
?!

FWUP
...

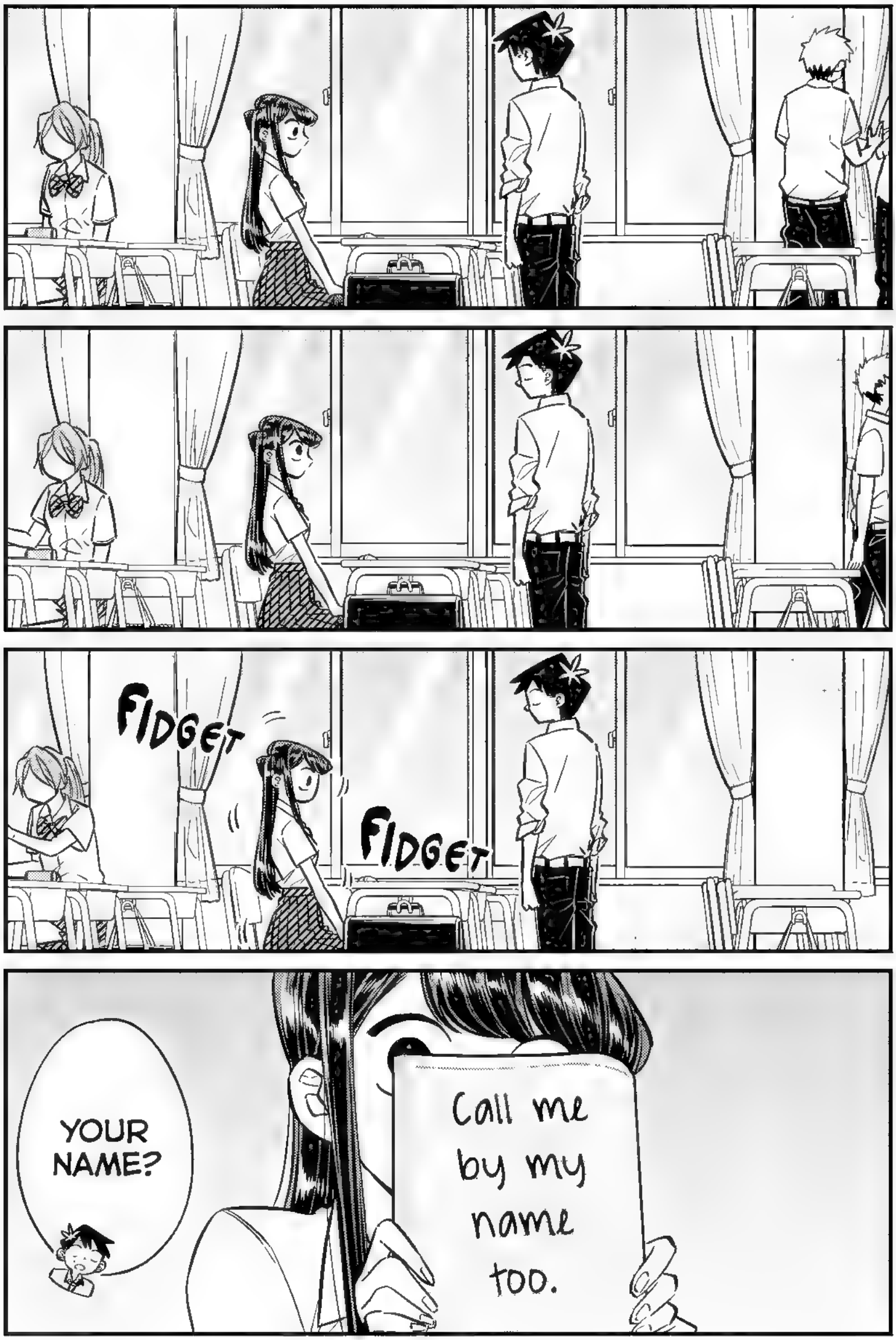
It was all a dream.

Communication 52 — The End

Communication 53: First Names

NAJIMI, THIS BOOK FROM THE CLASS LIBRARY IS...
NAJIMI, ABOUT THOSE PAPERS I GAVE YOU...

...
BONK
NAJIMI, AS CLASS VP, YOU SHOULD BE DOING THIS!
!
WHAT'S WRONG, KOMI?
...


FIDGET
FIDGET
YOUR NAME?
Call me by my name too.

UH, YEAH.

?

"You use Najimi's first name because you're friends, right?"

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

...?

GLANCE

GLANCE

...

...

YES?

So...

"So..."

HUH?

...call me Shoko.

"...call me Shoko."

...

So-call me Shoko

ACK ACK

SWIF SWUF

YOU'RE A GIRL, SO...

NO, NO, NO, NO, NO! THAT'D BE TOO...

SHUT UP.

YAP

HA HA HA

TADANO! ARE YOU SAYING I'M *NOT* A GIRL?!

NO! THAT'S NOT IT! IT'S JUST...

"Well, if you don't want to..."

?!

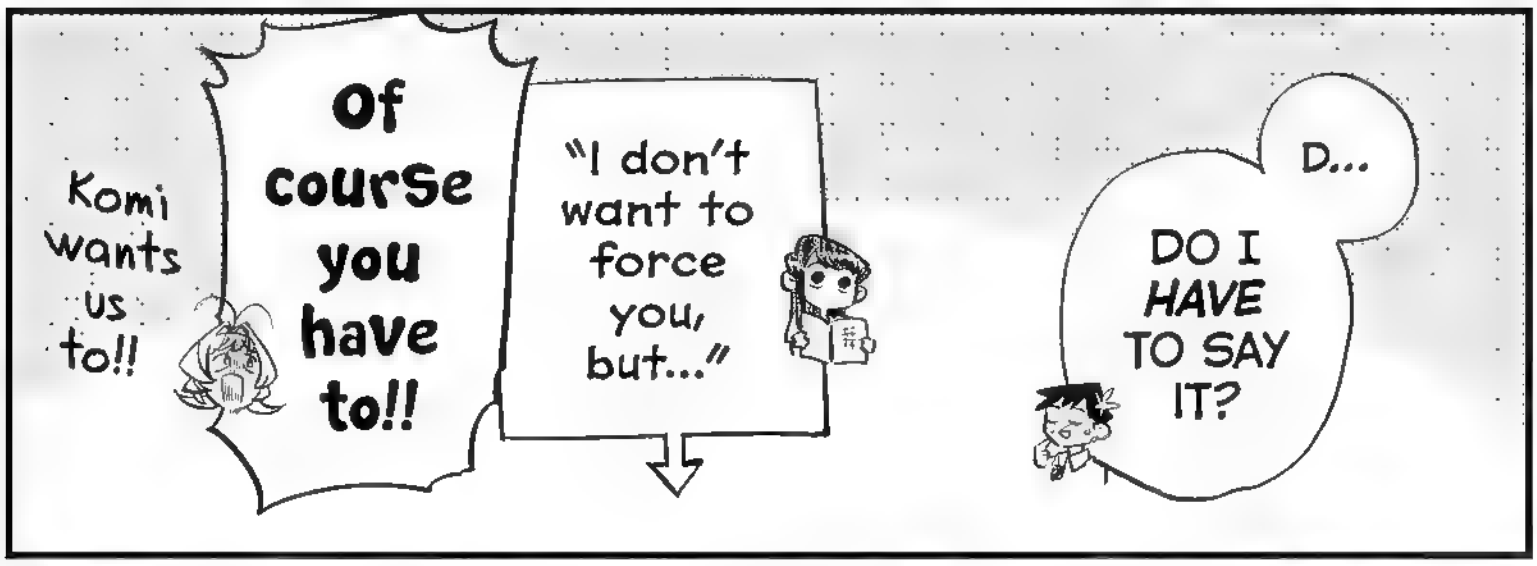
SHIVER

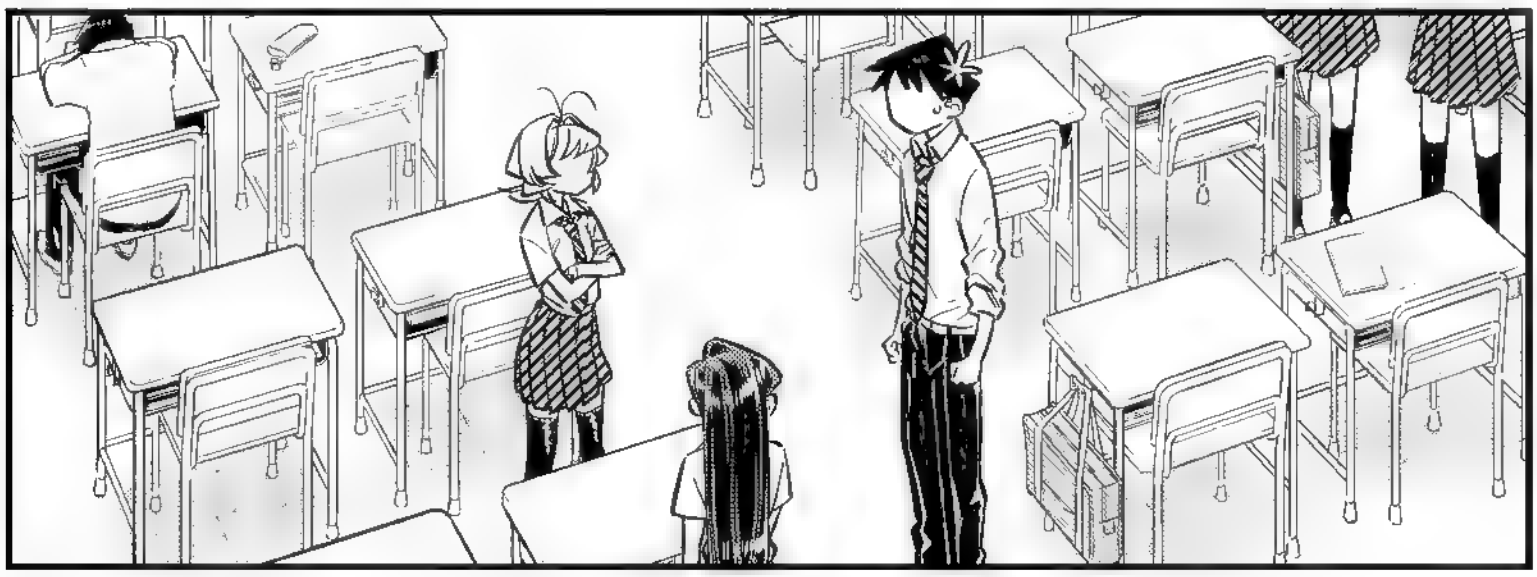
Shoko

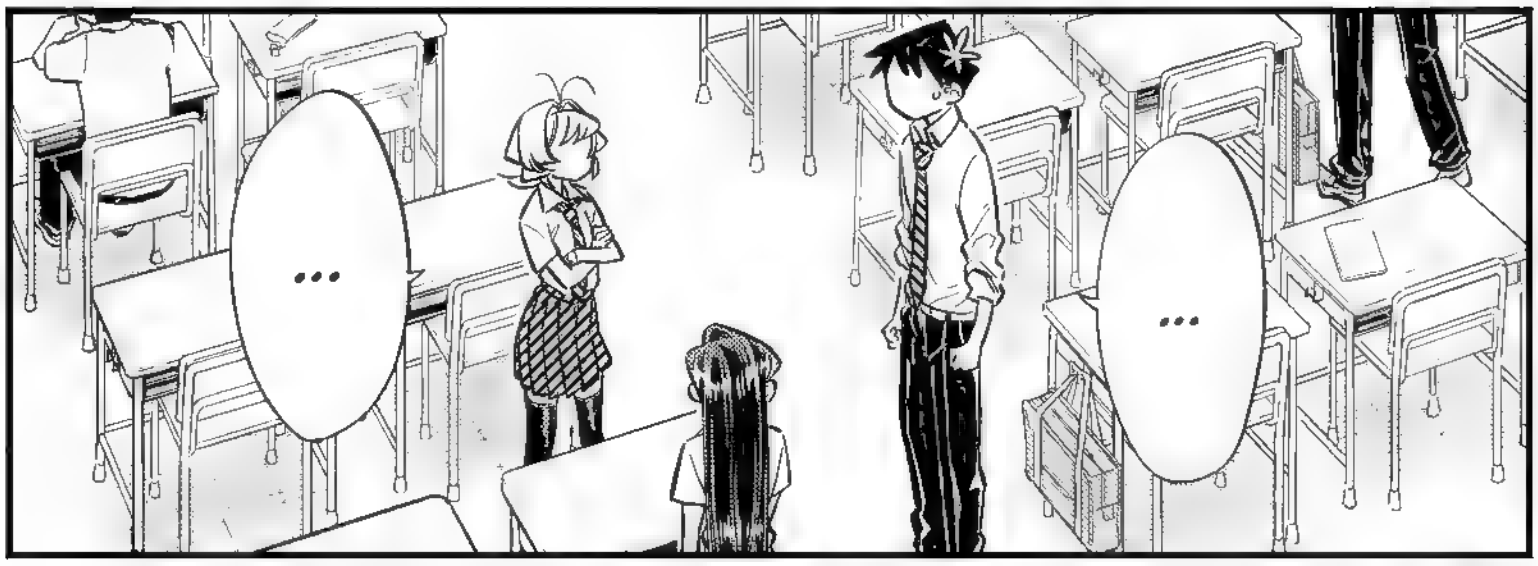
...

GRAB

HUH?
But not in a bad way.
That felt kind of funny
"That felt kind of funny."
STOP IT.
Shoko, Shoko...
SHIVR
HUFF
HUFF
SHIVR
I like saying that!
YOU DO IT TOO, TADANO! SAY "SHO-KO"!!


Komi wants us to!!
Of course you have to!!
"I don't want to force you, but..."
D...
DO I HAVE TO SAY IT?

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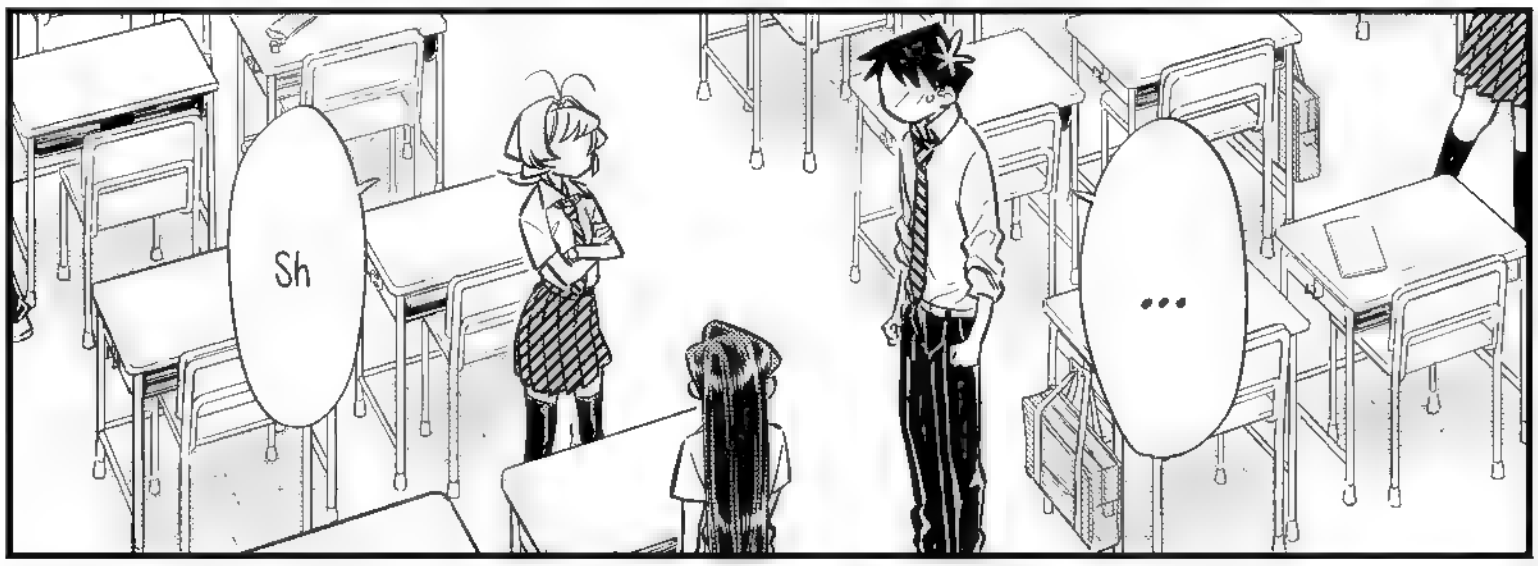
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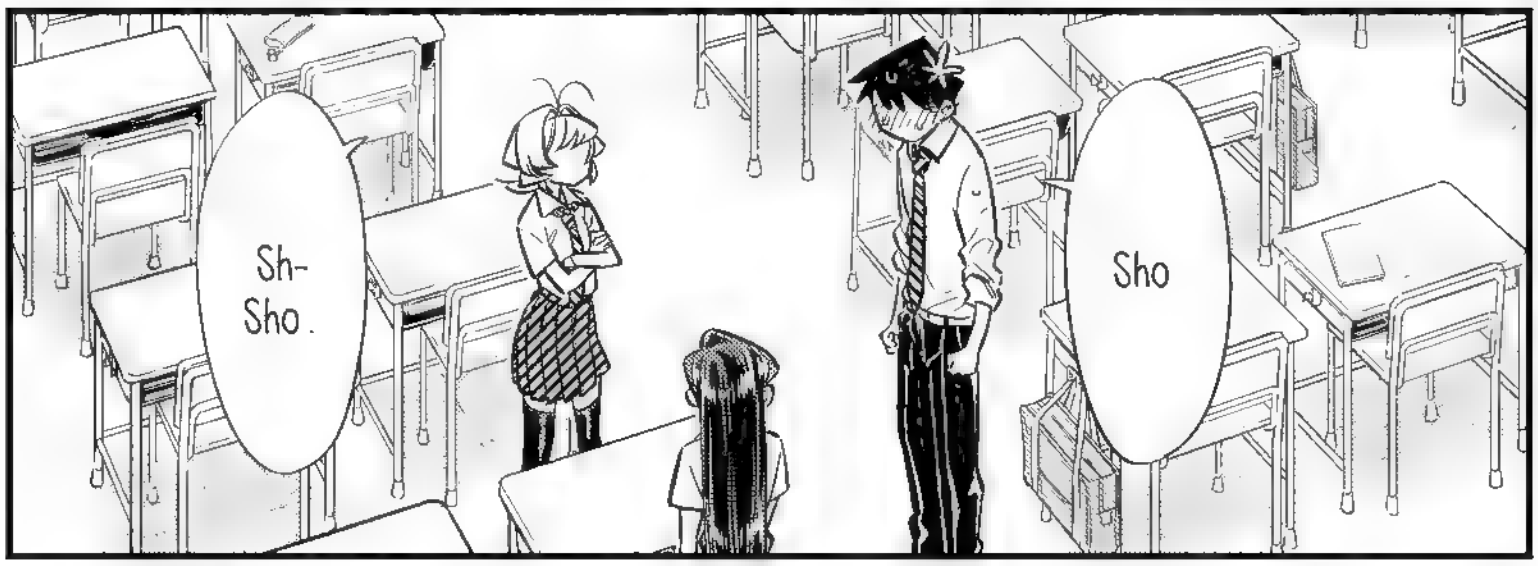

Sh-
Sho.
Sho

He couldn't say it.
Gutless coward!!
Komi.

?!

PWAAAH

GREAT! NOW *YOU* DO IT, KOMI!!

OF COURSE!

K-KOMI HAS TO STRUG-GLE LIKE THIS TOO?!

THAT ACTUALLY MAKES SENSE!!

BWAAAH

IF SHE WANTS *US* TO DO IT, THEN *SHE* HAS TO TOO!

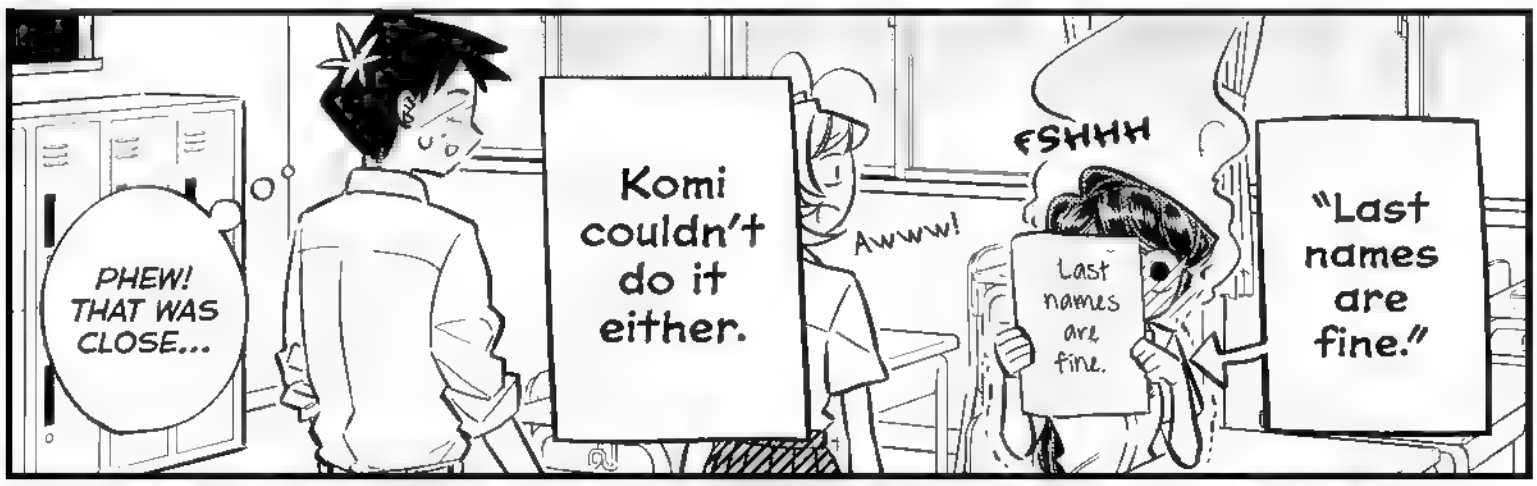
I would like her to remem-ber it...

Tadano's first name is Hitohito. In case you forgot.

SO SAY IT!

...
...
N
YOU CAN'T WRITE IT.
!!
Hito-hito

...
...
...
H...



As usual, Najimi had no trouble talking.
?!
ANYWAY... TADANO, YOU HAVE A SESAME SEED ON YOUR FACE.
BUT HITOHITO IS HARD TO SAY.
It's kind of clunky.
UGH. YOU TWO WEAR ME OUT!

Communication 53 – The End

Komi Can't Communicate

WHAT A BEAU-TIFUL DAY!

POOM

POOM

WOW!

WHOA!

...THE 23RD ITAN HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS FESTI-VAL!

YAAAAAAAAH

IT'S TIME TO KICK OFF...

RAAAAAAAH

?!

JOLT

(KOMI'S CLASS) EVERYONE IN 1-1

VICTORY FOR OUR GOD-DESS!!

Communication 54: Sports Festival, Part 1

BAM

GAH! YOU STARTLED ME!

Today is our sports festi-val!!

YOU JUST WANT TO GET OUT OF STUDY-ING.

So get pumped!

YAHOO!

Tadano! Komi! It's festival time!

HMM...

I ESTIMATE 39.2 DEGREES.

FLIK

WH-WHO'S THAT ?!

Oh! Hi, Ne-tsuno!

Netsuno gets heated up!

...NAJIMI.

NOT BAD ENTHU-SIASM ...

?!

Graah!

Scared because Netsuno is too close

YOU'RE KOMI, RIGHT? I'M CHIKA NETSUNO FROM YEAR TWO. PLEASED TO MEET YOU!

YOUR CLASS ...

...IS ABOUT 41.5 DEGREES HOT.

FLIK

WHICH IS PRETTY ENTHU-SIASTIC.

HUH? W-WHAT ?!

BUT *YOU!* YOU'RE INCREDIBLY *COOL.*

FWUP

I'D SAY 16.9 DE-GREES.

YOU'RE PRACTI-CALLY NIPPY.

NIPPY ?!

What's with her?
FLICK
DON'T BE A DRAG ON YOUR CLASS, OKAY?
SEE YA!
?!
KOMI
Touching Komi and upsetting everyone merits death!
BAM
BAM
AI
HUH?
WHO WUZ DAT GIRL? I'LL MOIDER HER!

NOD
L-LET'S JUST DO OUR ORDI-NARY BEST.
GRAAAAH
Victory or death!!
AND THE CLASS THAT SCORES THE MOST POINTS WILL BE CHAMPION!
CLASSES EARN POINTS BY WINNING EVENTS!
Sports Festival Rules
—Simple Breakdown—
Class
Event
1-1
1-2
1-3
Tug-of-War
10
20
30
Jump Rope
10
Obstacle Course
M.C.: Tsukasa Aizawa

THE VICE PRINCIPAL WILL AWARD TEN POINTS TO THE MOST BEAUTIFUL CLASS!

DA DA DUM DUM DUM DA DA

V.P.

M.C.

DUM DA DA DUM DUM DUM DUM

THE DAY'S FIRST EVENT IS EXERCISES!

HER WILLPOWER INFUSES HER TO THE TIPS OF HER FINGERS.

AND HER LEGS FORM THE PERFECT ANGLE.

AS EXPECTED, HER BROAD GESTURES ATTRACT THE EYE.

HMM... THAT'S NETSUNO FROM CLASS 2-3.

...

...BUT I HAVE TO AWARD THIS TO...

THE OTHER GIRLS ARE SATISFACTORY...

?!

BING

10

NO, WAIT! TEN POINTS TO KOMI !!

YAY

THE MORE DEVASTATING THE VICTORY, THE GREATER THE POINTS!!

YAY

CHATTER

CHATTER

NEXT IS TUG-OF-WAR!!

...WEAR GLOVES!

KOMI! YOU MIGHT HURT YOUR HANDS, SO...

AND YOUR HAIR MIGHT GET TANGLED IN THE ROPE...

...SO HERE!

AND DUST MIGHT GET IN YOUR EYES...

...SO WEAR GOG-GLES!

...SO WEAR PANTS!

AND YOU WOULDN'T WANNA MAR THOSE LOVELY LEGS...

YAMAI IS OVERPRO-TECTIVE!

Per-fect!

Komi is fully equipped.

YAHOOO!
LEMME HEAR YOU CHEER!!
HEAVE-HO!
HEAVE-HO!
HEAVE-HO!
HEAVE-HO!
KOMI
?!
KOMI!!!
HEAVE-HO
KOMI!!!!
Lack of focus led to a first-round defeat.
?!
AHHH... KOMI'S BODY IS PRESS-ING AGAINST MINE...
TRMBL
TRMBL

EACH COMPLETE JUMP SCORES A POINT!

AIZAWA

NEXT IS JUMP ROPE!

TWO, EVERYONE HAS TO CROWD IN TIGHT!

THERE ARE THREE KEYS TO SUCCESS!

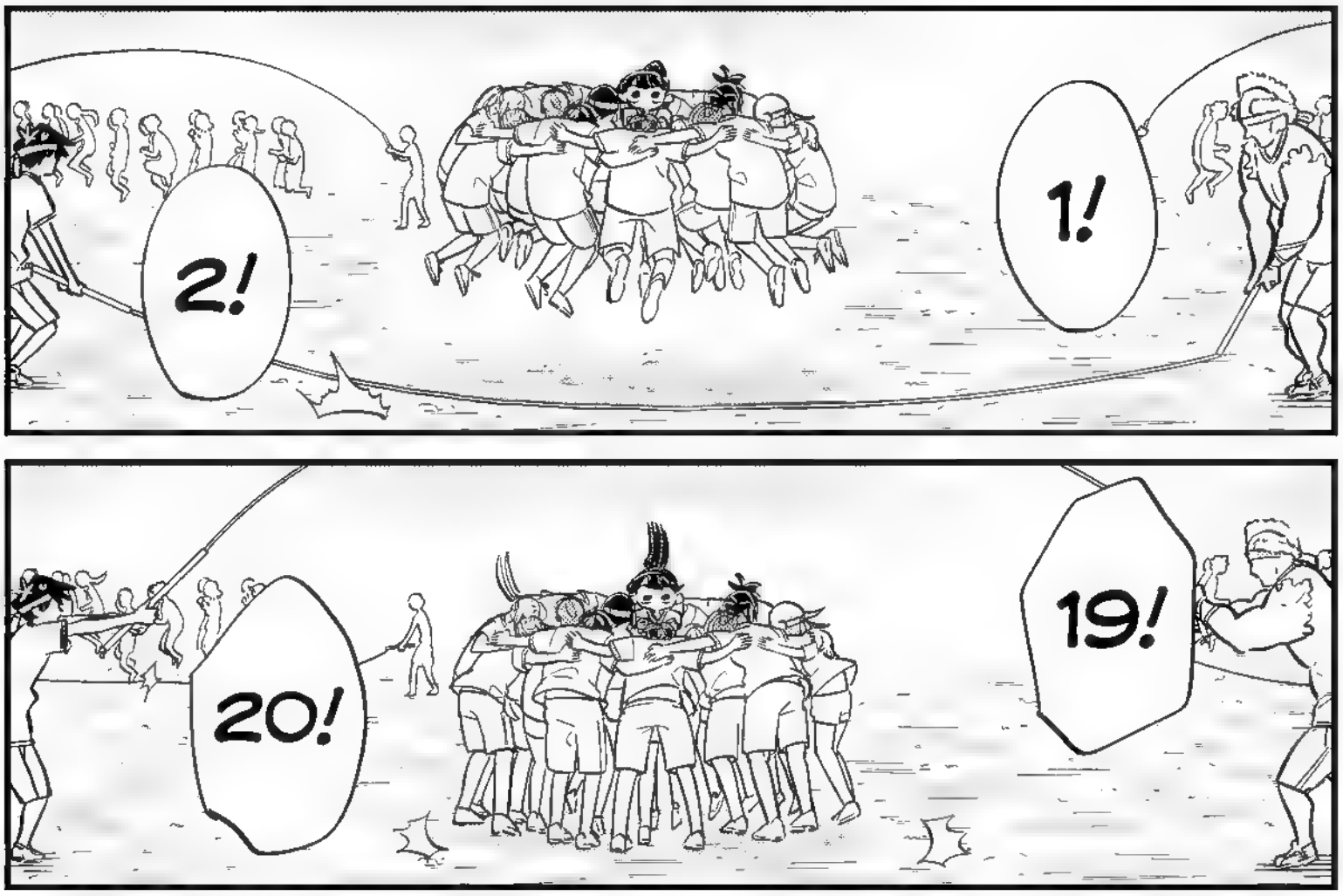
THREE, STAY IN SYNC!

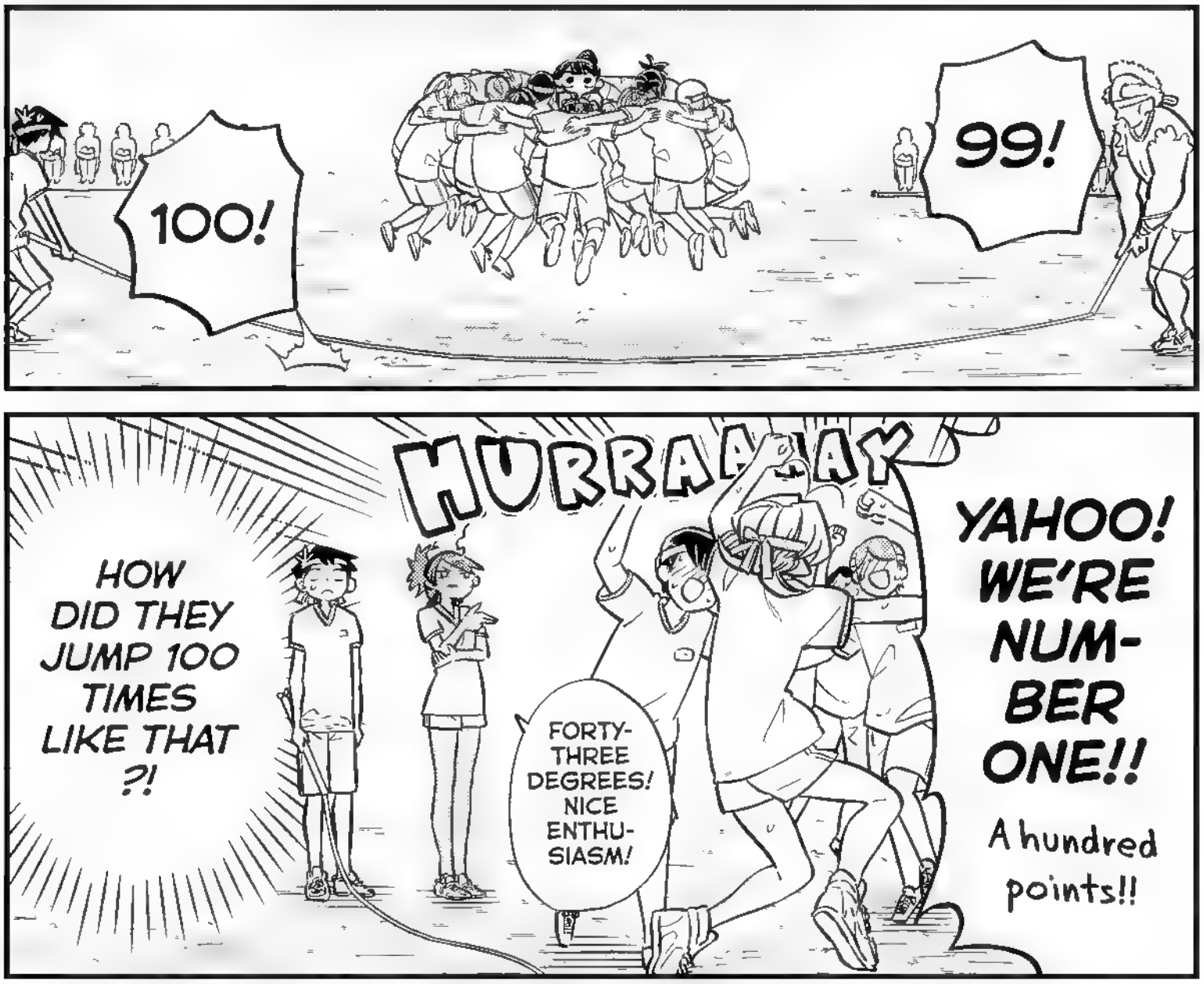
ONE, THE TALLEST STUDENT STANDS IN THE MIDDLE!

?!

GWUMP

LIKE THIS!


2!
1!
20!
19!


100!
99!
HURRAAAY
HOW DID THEY JUMP 100 TIMES LIKE THAT ?!
FORTY-THREE DEGREES! NICE ENTHU-SIASM!
YAHOO! WE'RE NUM-BER ONE!!
A hundred points!!

THE TEACHERS WILL AWARD POINTS FOR ENTER-TAINMENT VALUE!

10 10 10

Teachers V.P. M.

NOW FOR THE OBSTACLE COURSE!!

F-FOR KOMI'S SAKE! UMPH!

YIKES! I'M CLUMSY, SO I'VE GOTTA WORK HARD!

Obstacle: vaulting

1 1 1

WHOA! CLASS 1 IS RACKING UP MAJOR POINTS!!

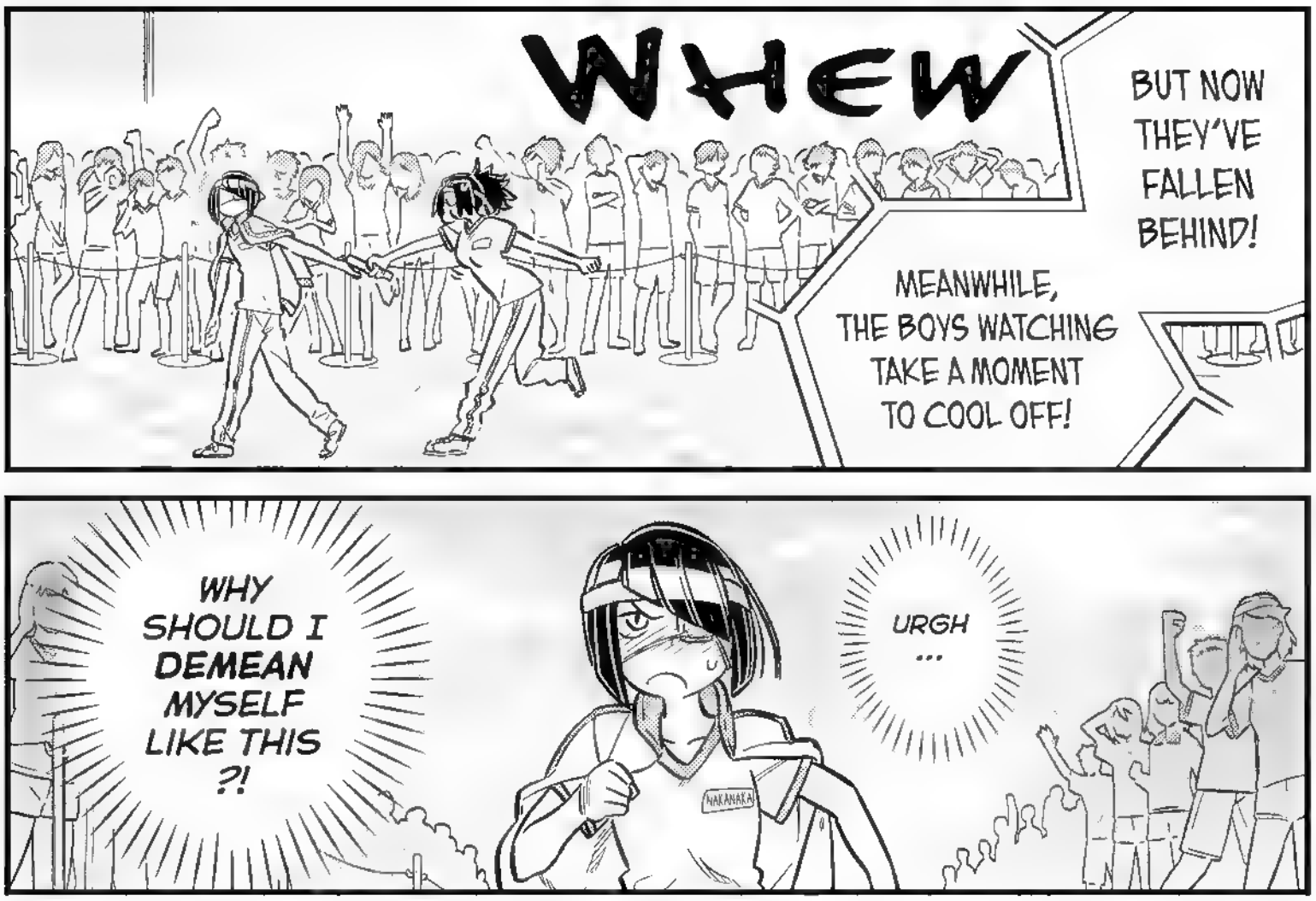
Obstacle: eating bread

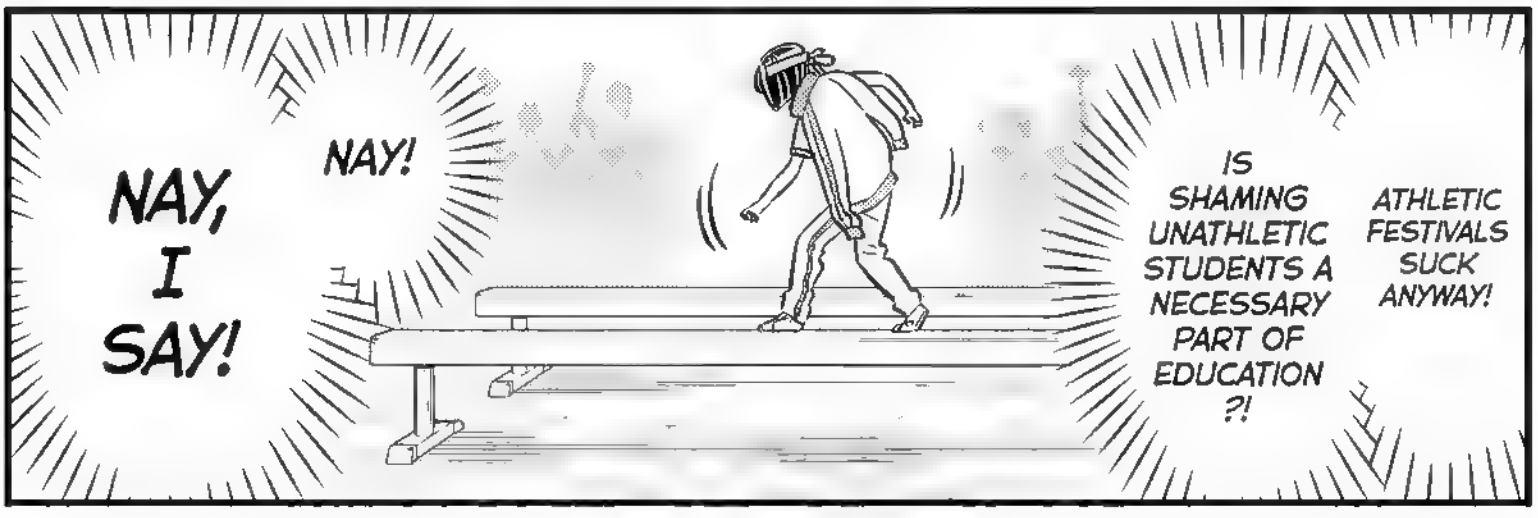
BOING BOING

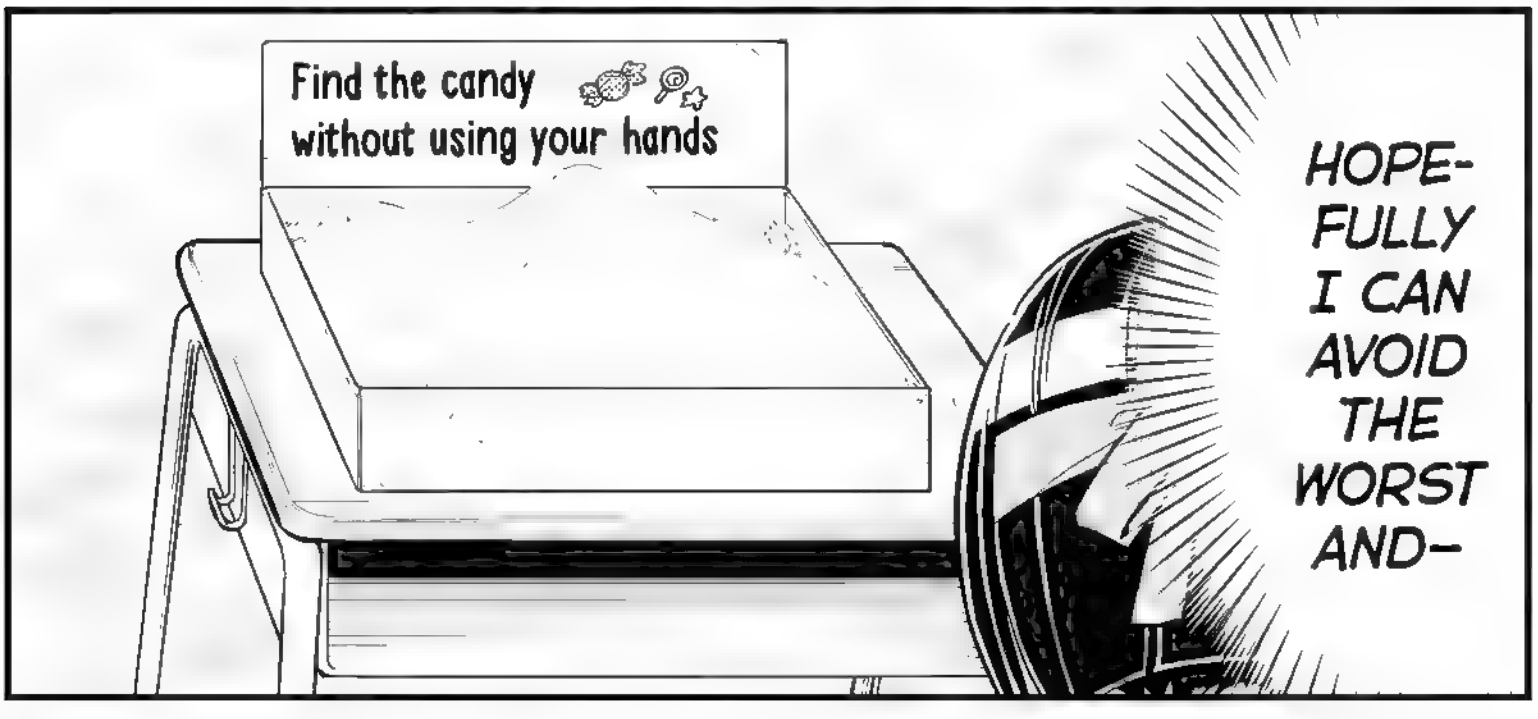
10 10

SWIP SWIP

↖ Bouncing in time


WHEW
BUT NOW THEY'VE FALLEN BEHIND!
MEANWHILE, THE BOYS WATCHING TAKE A MOMENT TO COOL OFF!
WHY SHOULD I DEMEAN MYSELF LIKE THIS ?!
URGH ...
NAKANAKA


NAY, I SAY!
NAY!
IS SHAMING UNATHLETIC STUDENTS A NECESSARY PART OF EDUCATION ?!
ATHLETIC FESTIVALS SUCK ANYWAY!


Find the candy without using your hands
HOPE-FULLY I CAN AVOID THE WORST AND-

AH HA HA

TEE HEE HEE

STICK MY FACE IN ALL THAT POTATO STARCH?!

W-WHAT?!

THE PTA SHOULD PUT A STOP TO THIS!!

Class I has ground to a halt!!

WHO GETS OFF ON SUCH CRUEL HUMOR?!

YLP

!

...TO LOCATE THE CANDY IN THIS SEA OF STARCH!

VERY WELL! I SHALL USE MY DRAGON FORCE...

Desper-ate

CLASS 1 HAS PASSED THE BATON! BUT THEY'RE IN LAST PLACE!

COME ON, TADANO !!

CAN THEY MAKE A COME-BACK?!

KOMI

GOOD LUCK!

RAAAAAH

DO YOUR BEST! OR I'LL PUT YOU IN THE GROUND! ♡

?!

MAKE THE TOP THREE, OR I'LL PUT A CURSED CHAIN LETTER IN YOUR LOCKER!

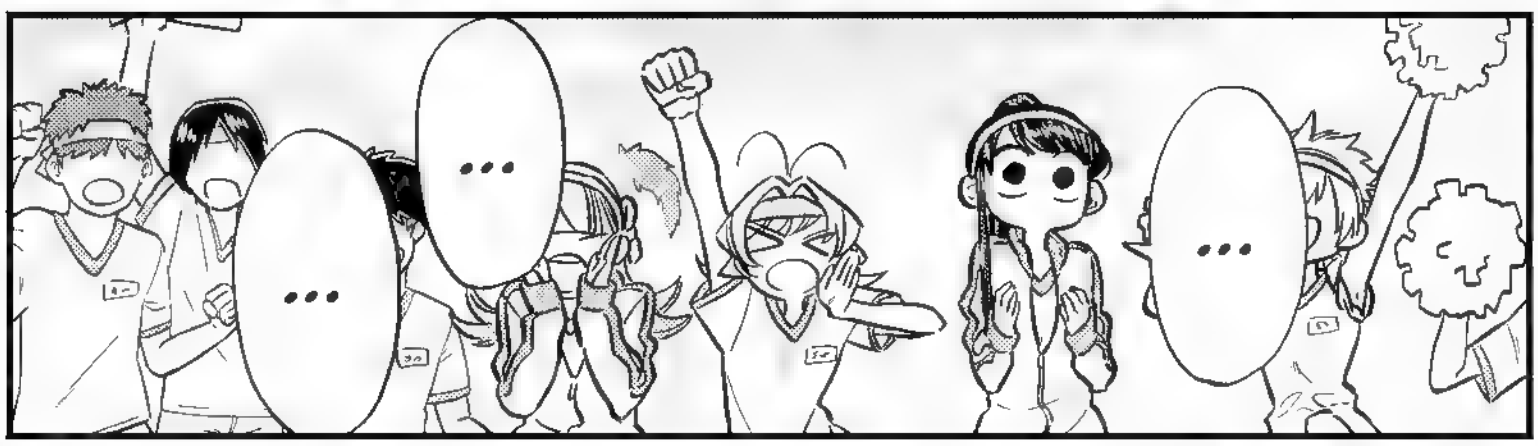
C'MON! HUSTLE, TADANO !!

SHAKE IT LIKE A WORK-HORSE!!

!

WHAT'S WRONG?

YOU SHOULD CHEER TOO, KOMI!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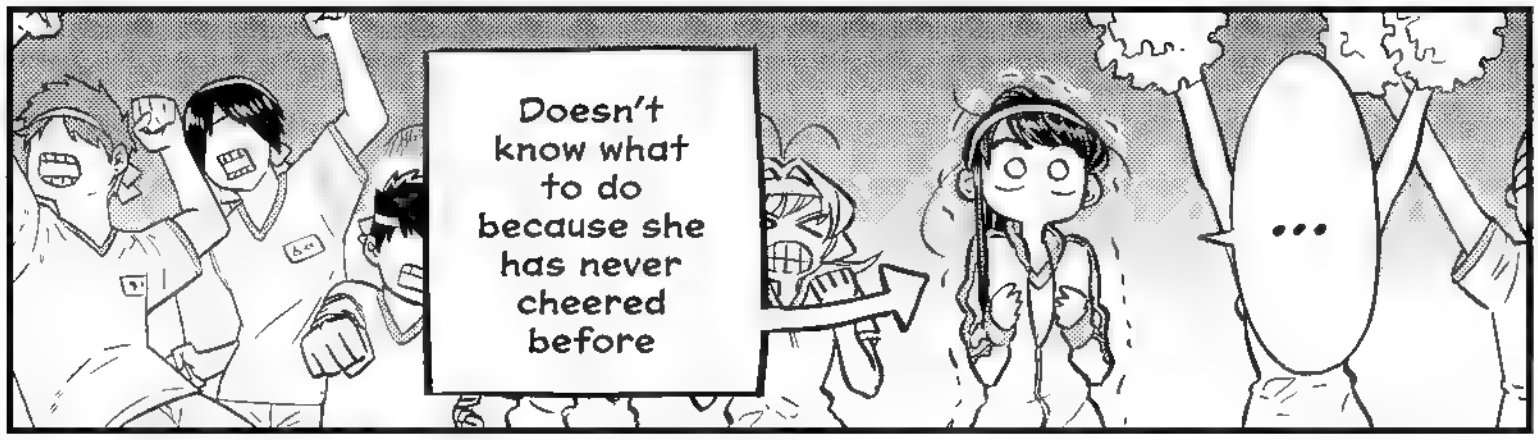
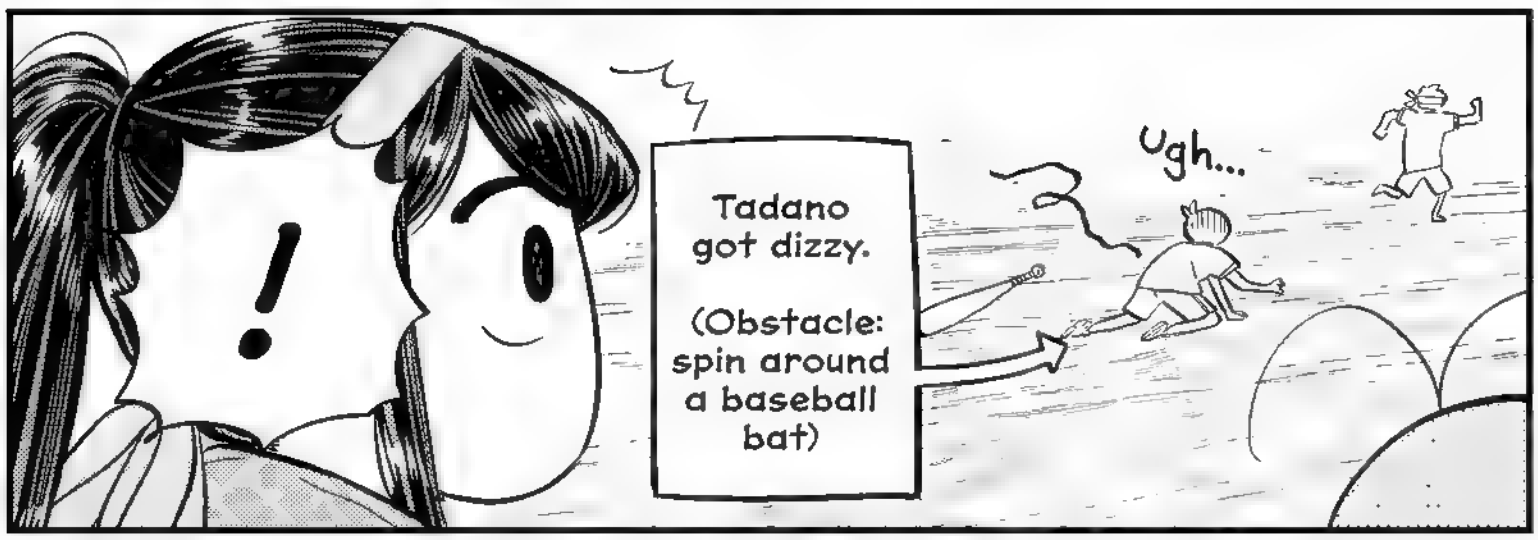

Doesn't know what to do because she has never cheered before
...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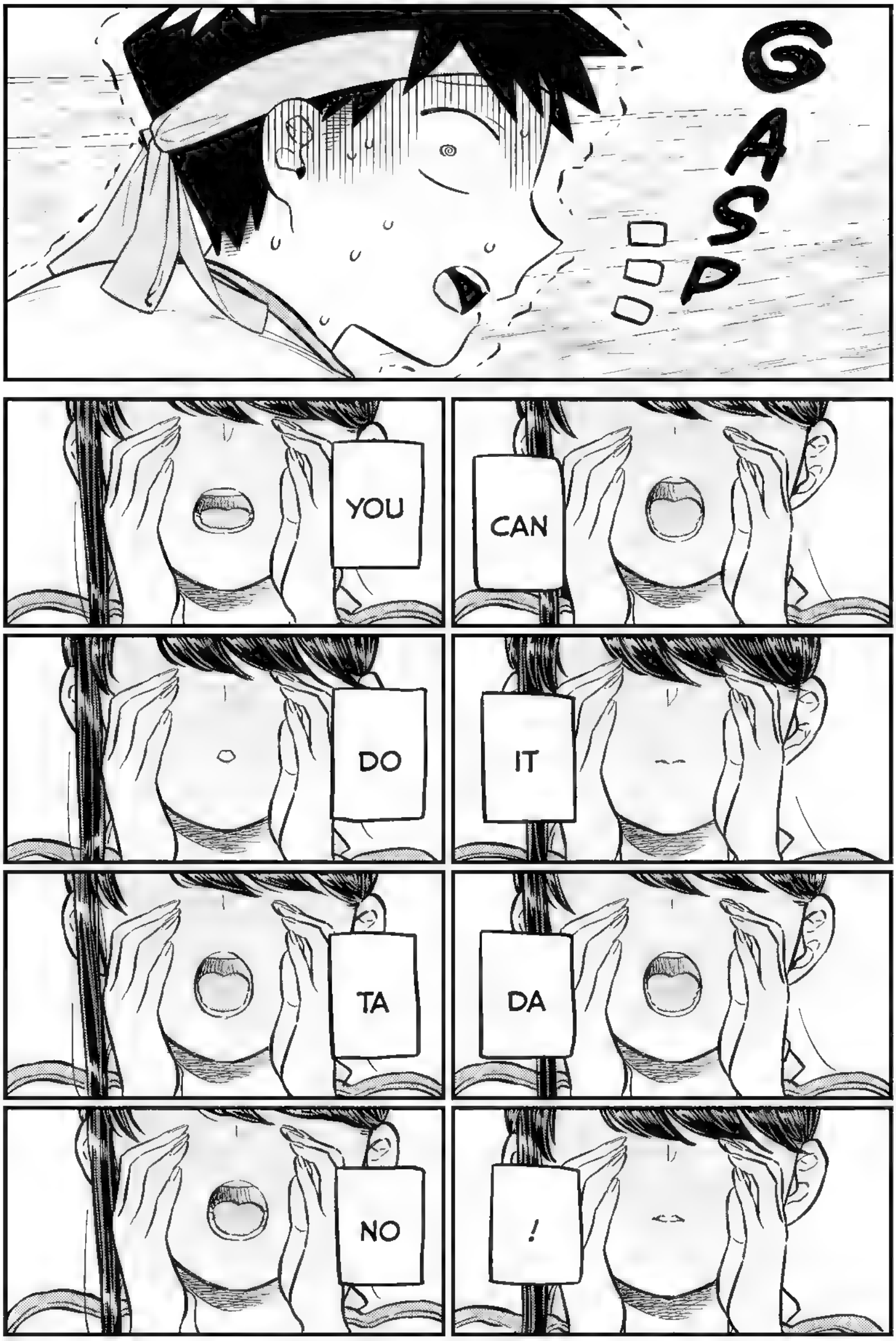
Tadano got dizzy.
(Obstacle: spin around a baseball bat)
Ugh...


GASP
YOU
CAN
DO
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NO
!

Communication 54 — The End

Komi Can't Communicate

SNEAK ATTACK DOWN-POUR!!

ZSHHHHHHHHHH

!

AW... IT STARTED RAINING!

ZSHHHHHHHH

?!

IS THAT KOMI?! TALKING ?!

Hm? That's her mom!

SPARKLE

SPARKLE

I SURE HOPE IT STOPS SOON!

Communication 55: Sports Festival, Part 2

I'M SHUKO, SHOKO'S MOTHER.

BOW

PLEASED TO MEET YOU!

?!

RAAA

AH

Shuuu-kooo!

YAAY

THANKS FOR BEING SHOKO'S FRIEND, EVERY-BODY! ☆

HUH? BUT I CAME TO CHEER FOR YOU!

SHUV

SHUV

!

WHAT A NICE BUNCH OF KIDS!

...

?!

YAAAY!!

Everyone in 1-1

I'M PSYCHED FOR THE SECOND HALF, GUYS!

EACH ITEM BORROWED EARNS FIVE POINTS!!

YAAAAAY

THE FIRST EVENT IN THE SECOND HALF IS THE BORROWING COMPETI-TION!!

UM, SURE!

Item: a boy's jacket

FIDGET

FIDGET

UM, TADANO? SORRY, BUT... YOUR JACKET, PLEASE?

BUT I'LL NEVER GET THAT BACK!

Okay, whatever.

Item: a strand of hair

KYA HA HA

TADANO! GIMME A STRAND OF HAIR!

TMP
TMP
TMP

...

...

BINGO

Item: a head-band

!

UM... MY HEAD-BAND?

POINT

I'M NOT GIVING YOU EITHER !

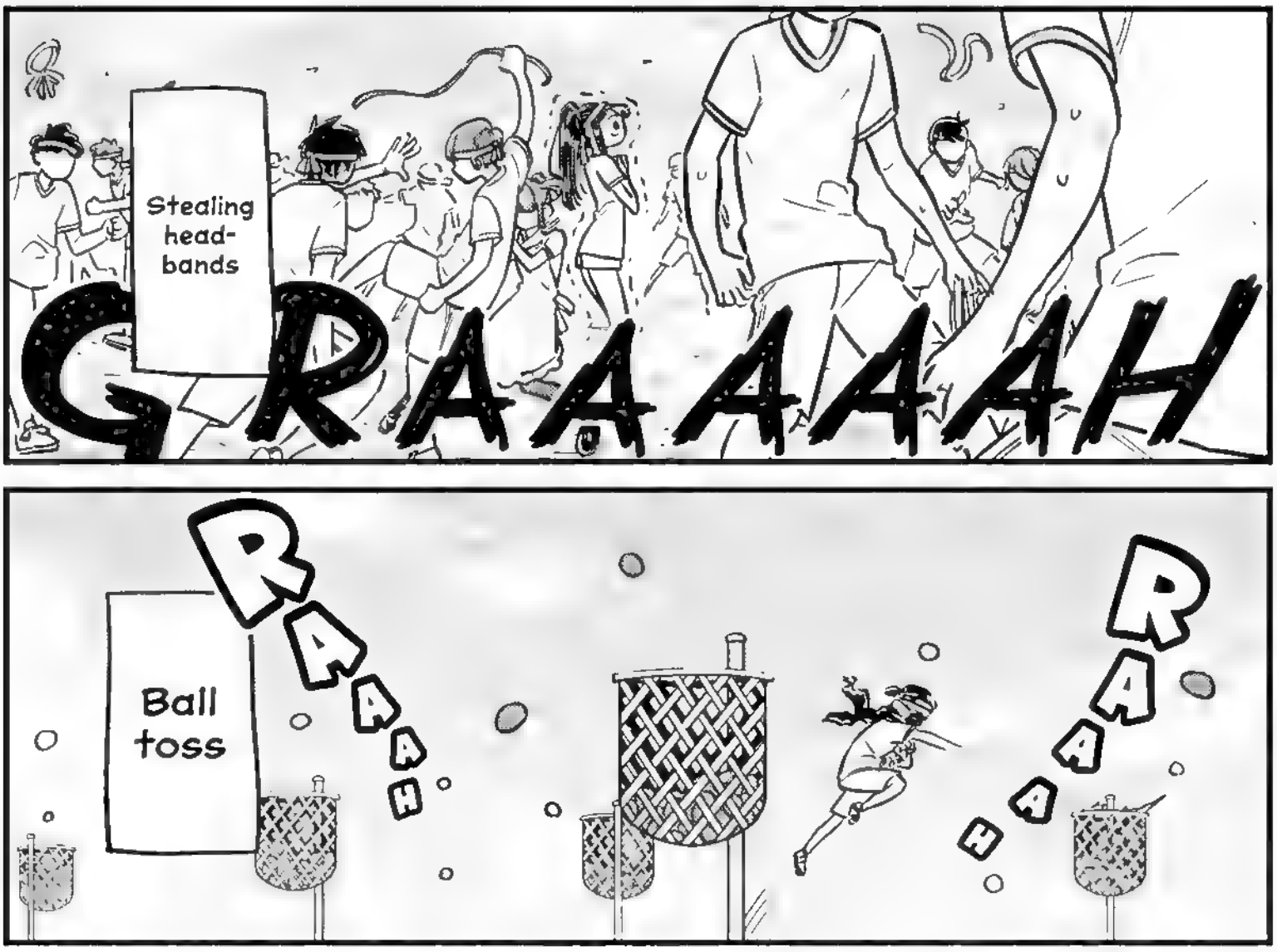
Item: a shoe

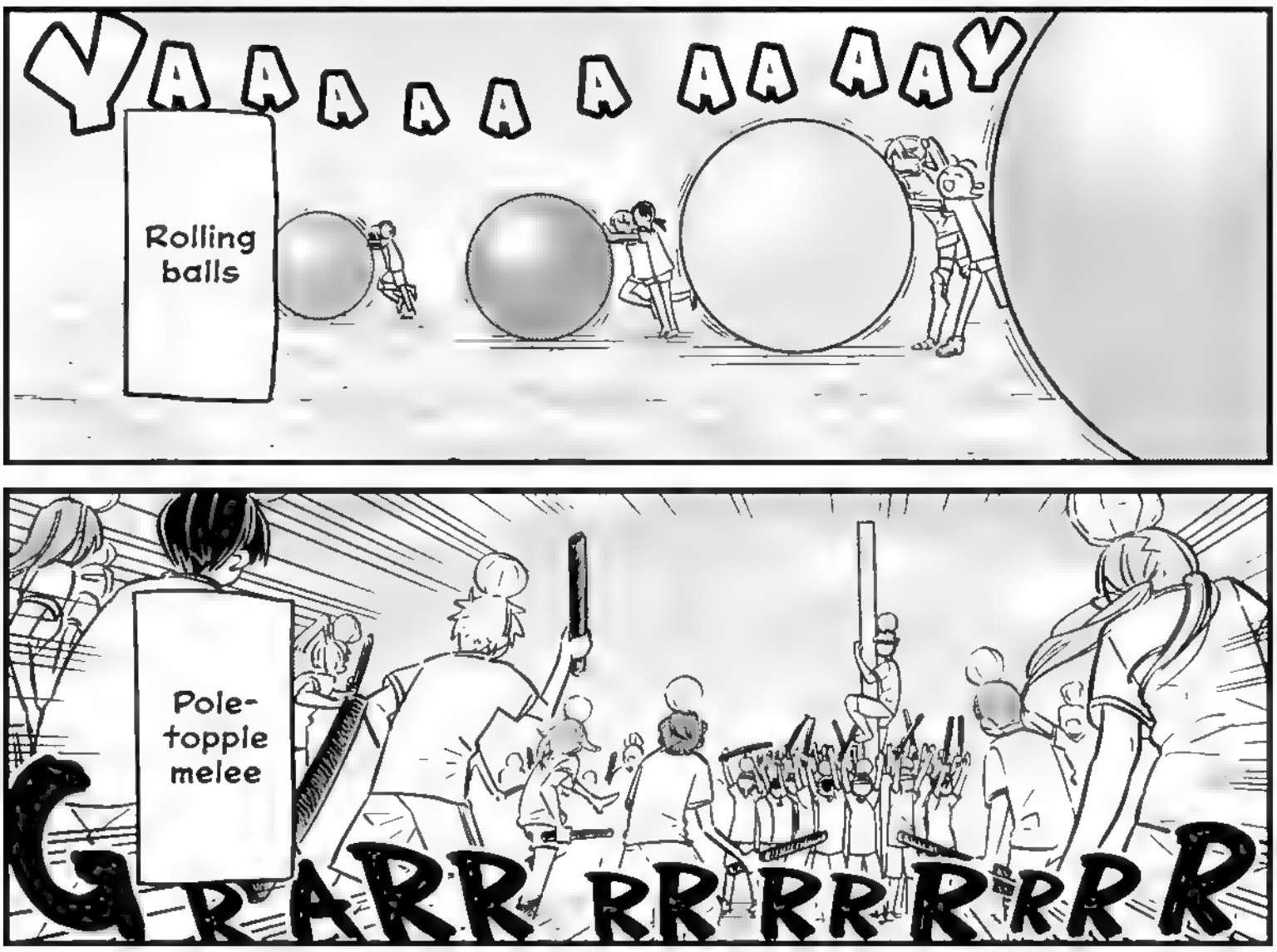
And ten bucks !!

BAAAM

Tadano! Gimme a Shoe !!

THAT MEANS 452 PEOPLE VYING FOR SEATS! THE CLASS WITH THE MOST STUDENTS IN THE LAST 100 SEATS GETS A POINT FOR EACH STUDENT SEATED!
AND NOW THE WHOLE SCHOOL WILL PLAY MUSICAL CHAIRS!
DA-DI-DA-DUM
LA-DA-DA
TUM-DA-DA-DUM
LA-DA-DI-DA
LA-LA...
!
DA-DI-DA-DUM
LA-LA-DA-LA-LA
?!
DADUMMM
HERE, HAVE A SEAT !!


Stealing head-bands
GRAAAAH
Ball toss
RAAAH
HAAAR


YAAAAAAAAAY
Rolling balls
Pole-topple melee
GRARRRRRRRRRR

THE CLASS RELAY!!

HUFF

HUFF

V.P.

M.C.

AND NOW FOR THE FINAL EVENT!!

1-1

4th leg: Komi

3rd leg: Yadano

2nd leg: Sonoda

1st leg: Chiarai

EACH CLASS HAS SELECTED FOUR RUNNERS !!

2-3

4th leg: Netsuno

3rd leg: Atsumi

2nd leg: Atsuta

1st leg: Atsui

WHAT IS THIS?! A COMEDY GAME SHOW?!

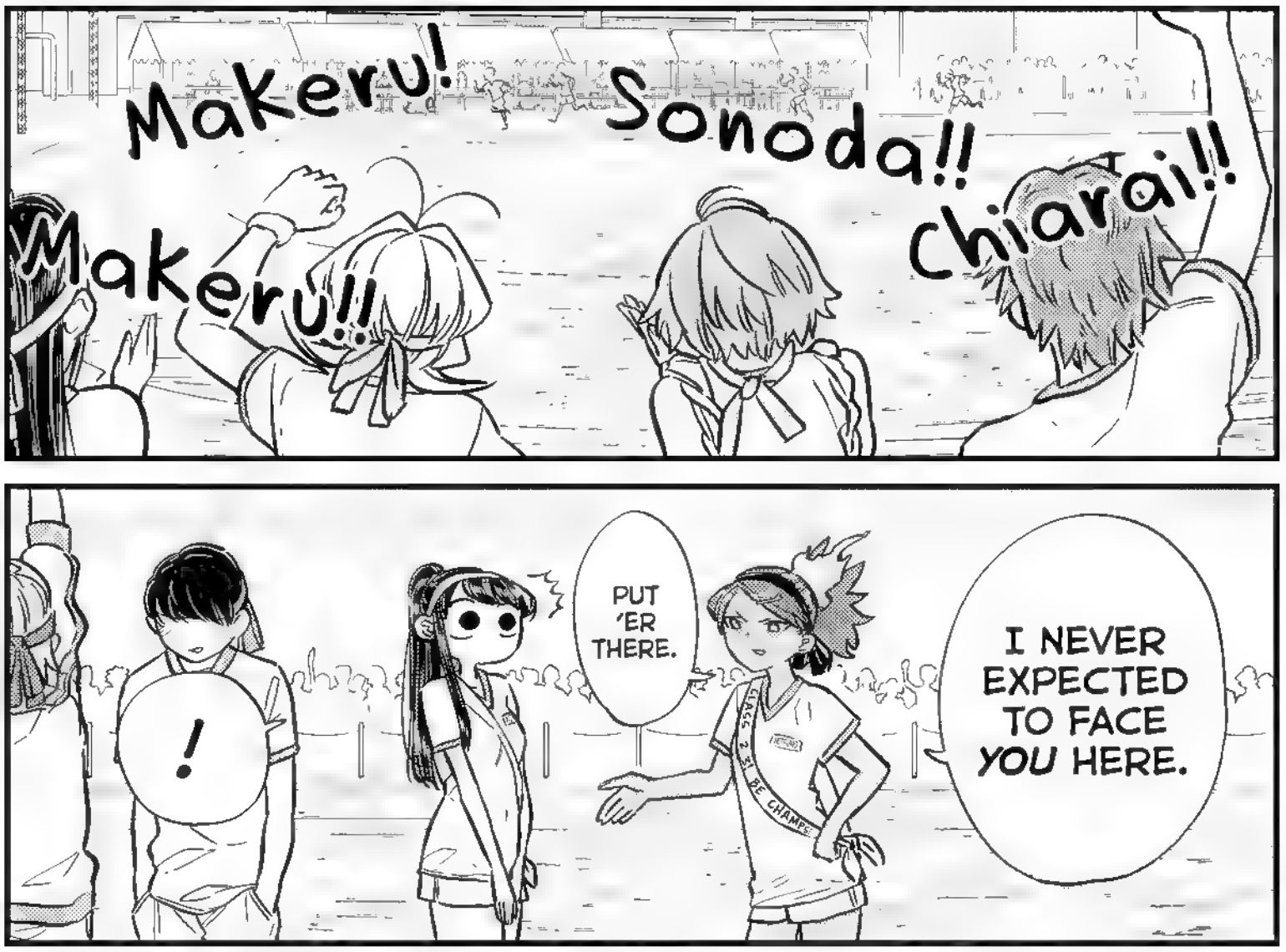
YAHOOOO

V.P.

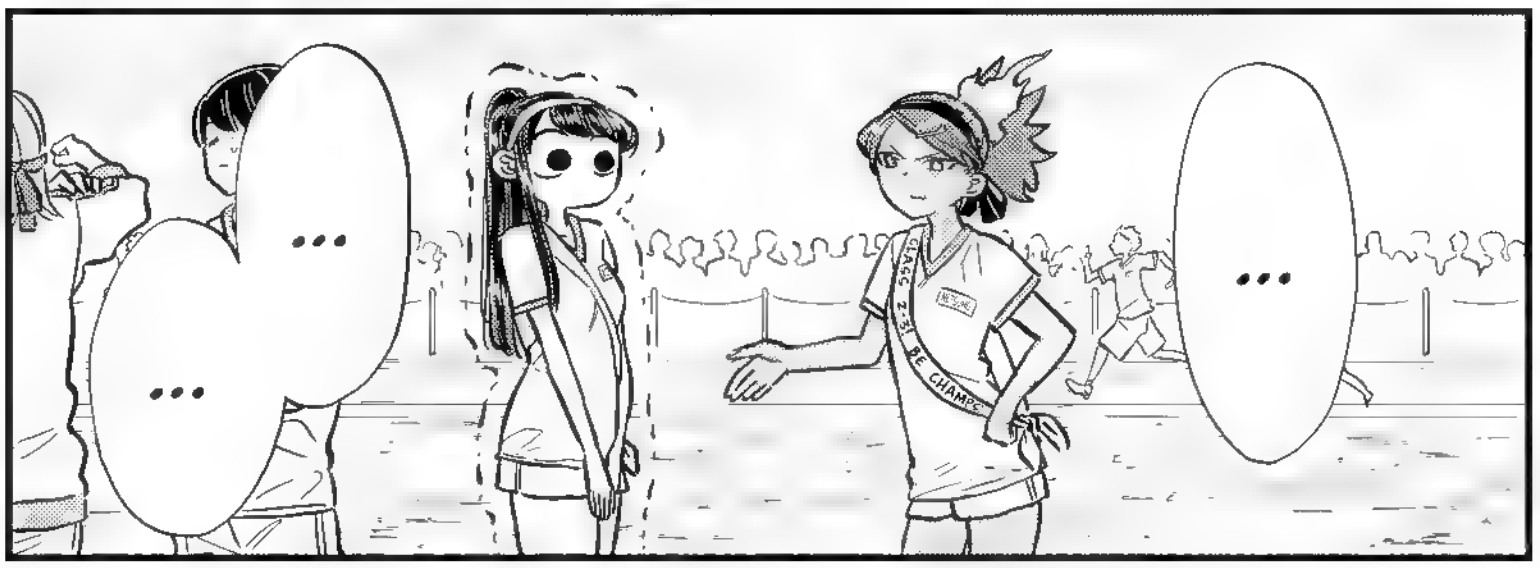
M.C.

THE WINNING CLASS WILL RECEIVE A HUNDRED MILLION POINTS!!

The championship is still up for grabs!!


Makeru!
Sonoda!!
Makeru!!
Chiarai!!

!
PUT 'ER THERE.
I NEVER EXPECTED TO FACE YOU HERE.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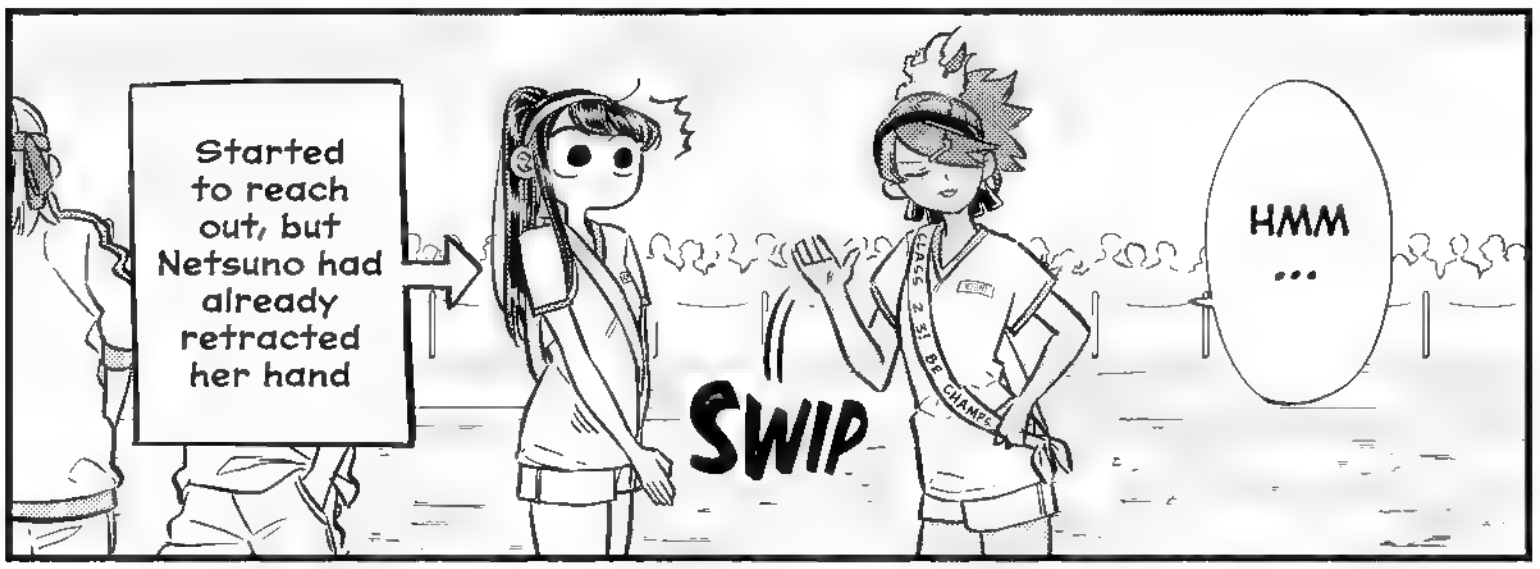
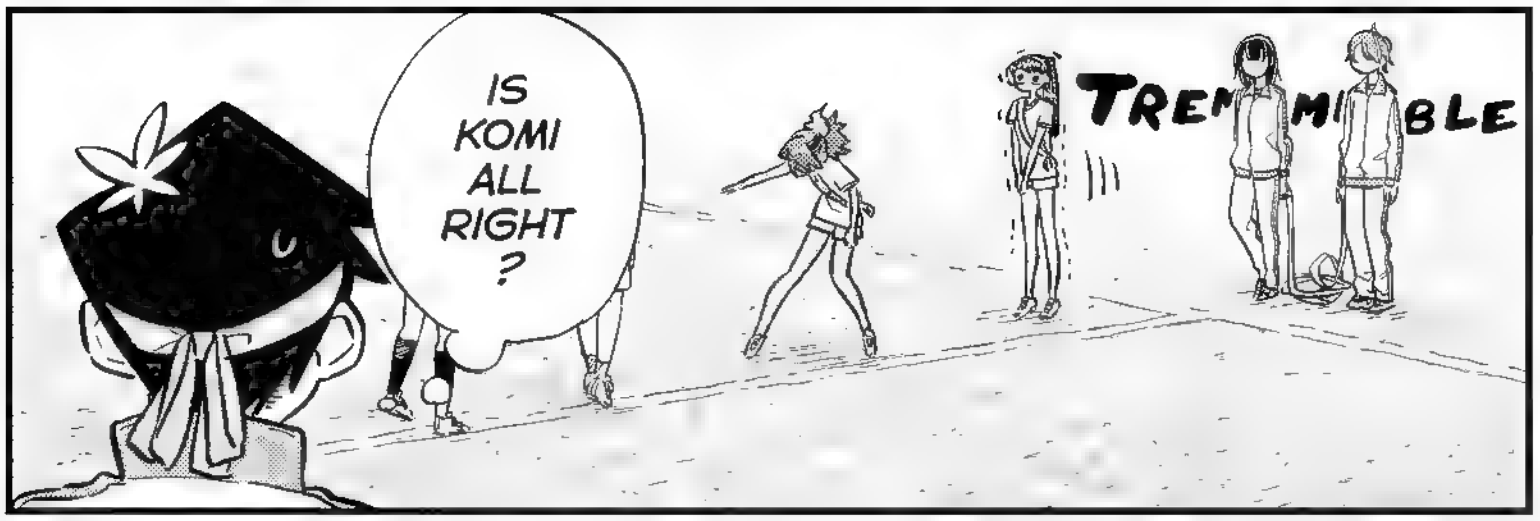
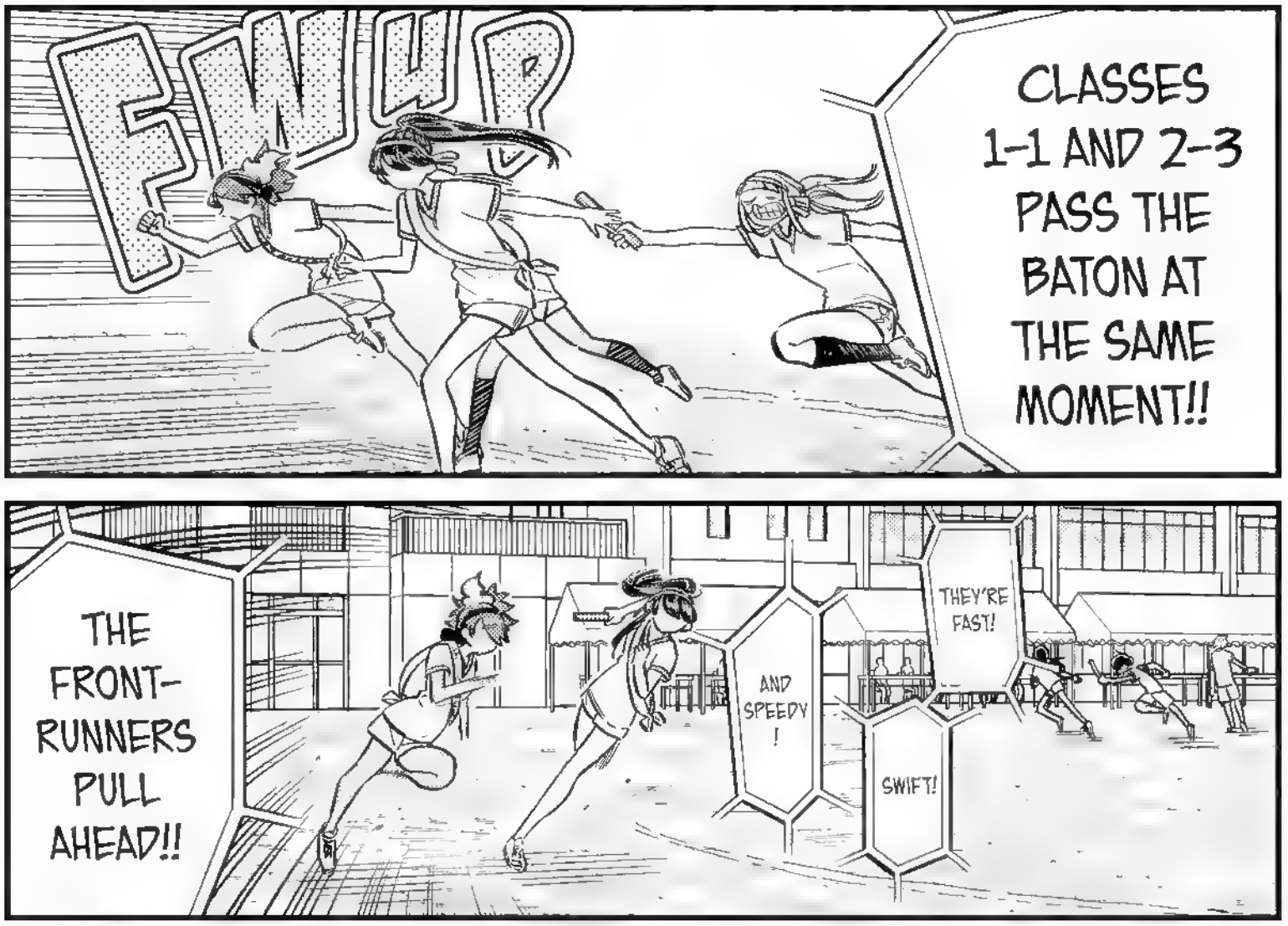

Started to reach out, but Netsuno had already retracted her hand
SWIP
HMM
...

!
SO EXPECT TO LOSE!
FLIK
GOLLD
YOU TRULY ARE NIPPY!


IS KOMI ALL RIGHT?
TREMMBLE

VWSH

I GIVE HER 67.3 DE-GREES.
?!
TROMMMF
FURN GYAA AH!!


BWP
CLASSES 1-1 AND 2-3 PASS THE BATON AT THE SAME MOMENT!!
THE FRONT-RUNNERS PULL AHEAD!!
AND SPEEDY!
THEY'RE FAST!
SWIFT!

I'LL SHOW HER WHAT 100 DEGREES LOOKS LIKE!!
NO MATTER.
I THOUGHT KOMI WAS NIPPY, BUT SHE'S KEEPING UP.

GASP
THE RAIN MADE THE GROUND MUDDY!!
OH NO!! CLASS 1-1 TAKES A TUMBLE!!

HWOOOOO

Komiii!
Komiii!

!

...

...

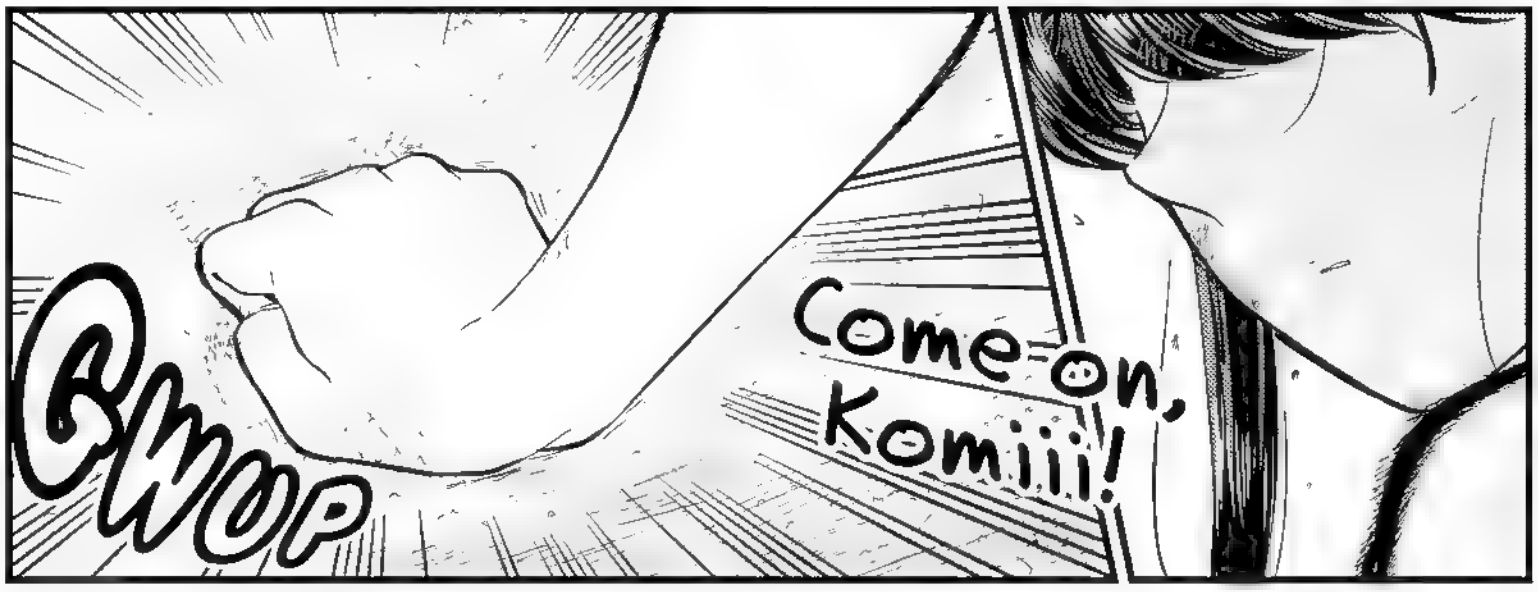
YOU CAN DO IT!!

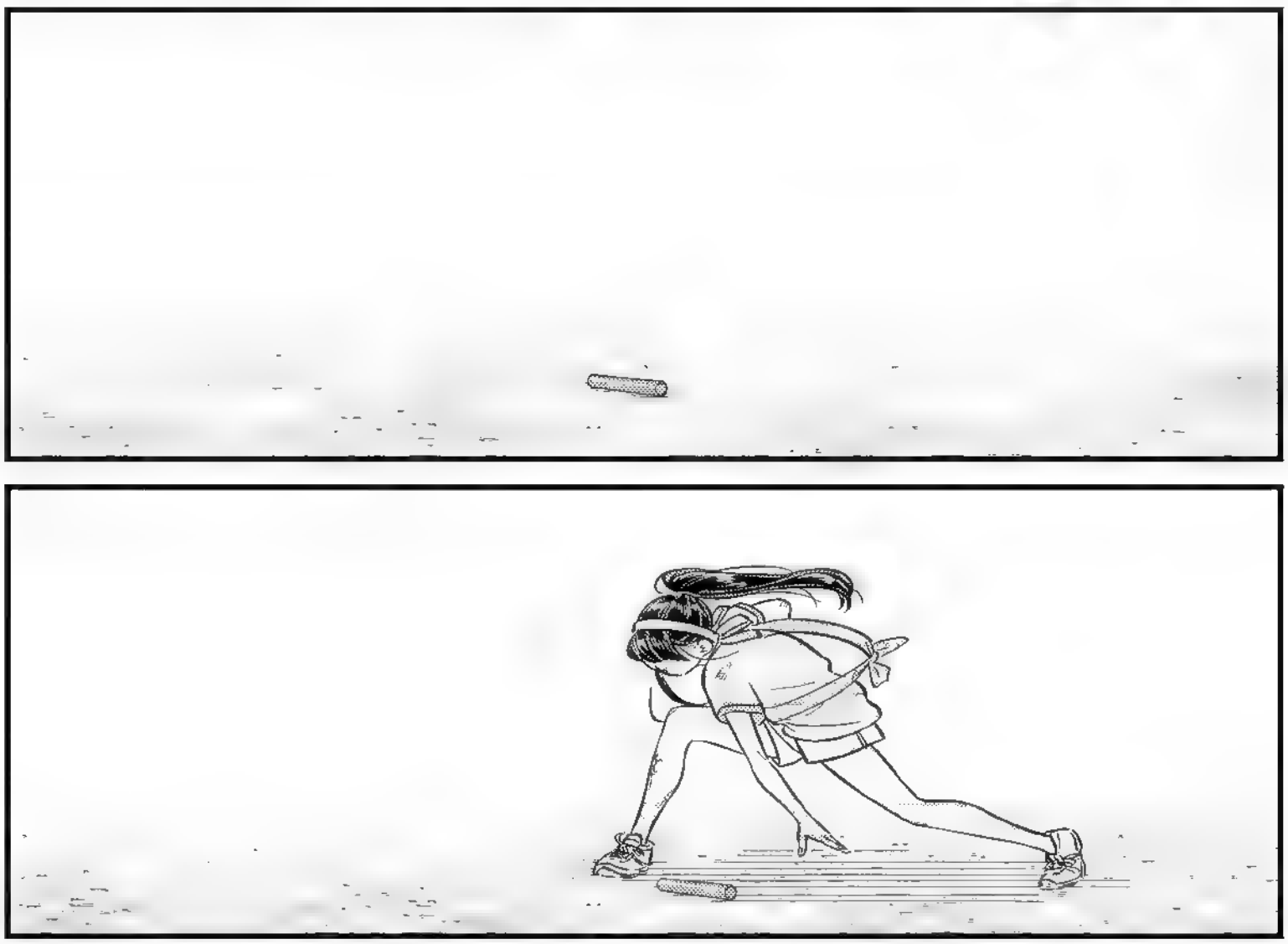
RAA

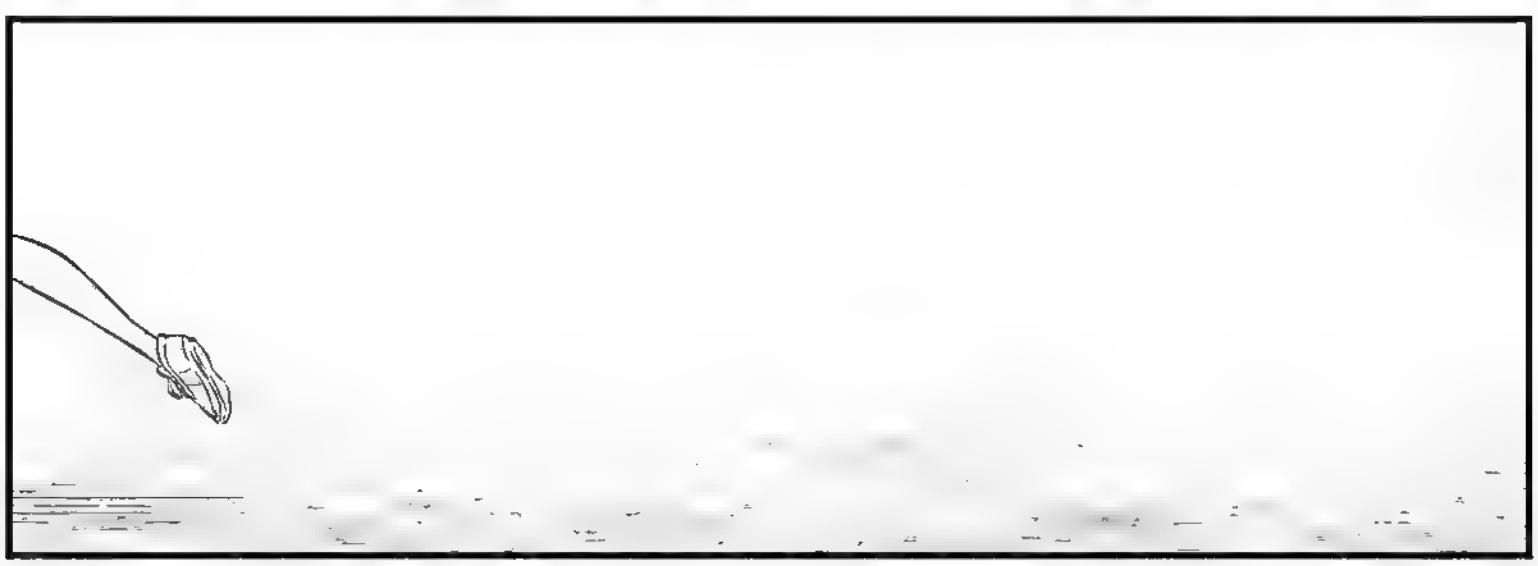
I ♥ KOMI

AAH

KOMIII!!


CWOP
Come on, Komiii!





THAT'S 75.6 DEGREES!!
KOMI'S BACK ON HER FEET!!
CLASS 2-3!

HUFF

HUFF

SORRY I CALLED YOU NIPPY.

!

YAAAAAY

CLASS 2-3 IS THE CHAMPION !!

YOU WERE ON *FIRE*, GIRL !!!

YOU HIT 120 DEGREES !!

CLASS 2-3 COMES IN FIRST !!

RAAAA!

NEXT YEAR, WE'LL—

ARE YOU HURT?!

SYAAAAH

KOMI!!! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!

...IS KOMI.

WAAAH

I GUESS THE ONLY THING THEY CARE ABOUT...

SOB

WHAT WONDERFUL TEAM-MATES!! Waaah...

?!

GUSHH

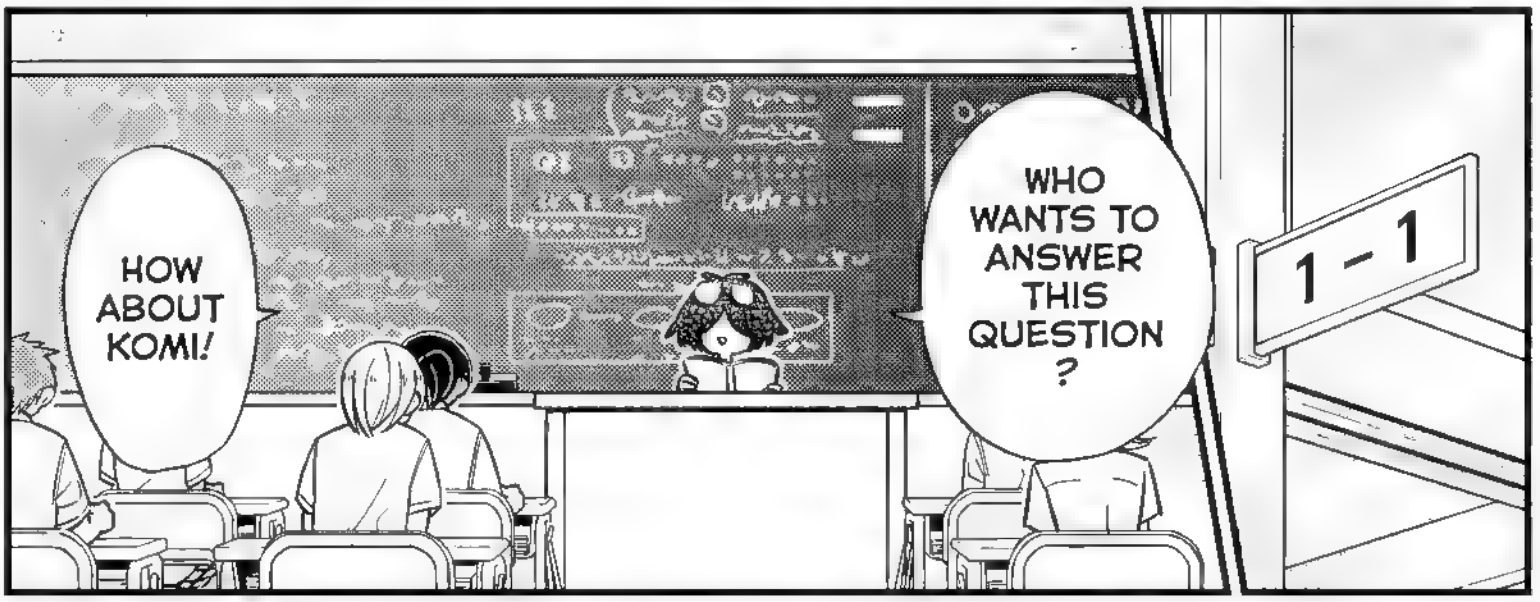
GASP

THAT'S 200 DEGREES!

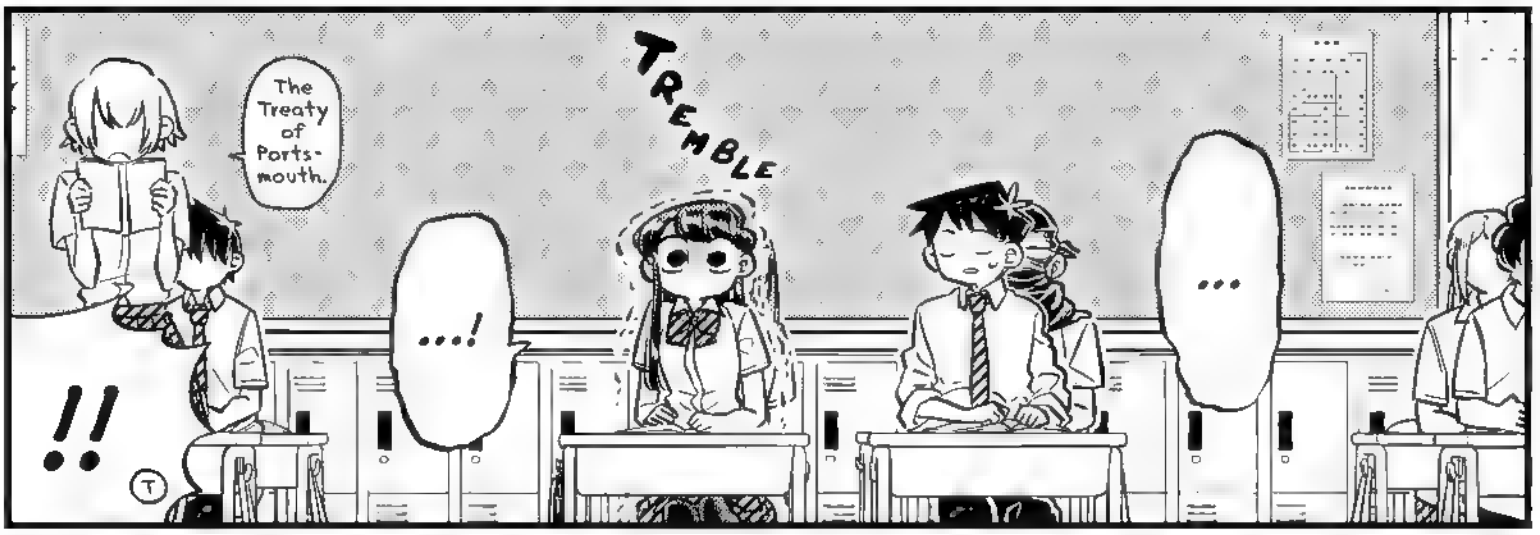
Communication 55 – The End

Imme-
diately
threw
away the
hair

Komi Can't Communicate


HOW ABOUT KOMI!
WHO WANTS TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION?
1-1

CHAK
?!
NO, LET'S GO WITH... SATO.


The Treaty of Portsmouth.
!!
...!
TREMBLE
...

TREMMMBLE
...
Actually, just the opposite!
Um, the teacher wasn't being mean.

I DON'T WANT TO STUDY.

THAT'S HOW YOU *REALLY* FEEL, HUH?

WHAT *WONDERFUL* MEMORIES!

AHH ...

... SUMMER VACATION ...

...AND THE SPORTS FESTIVAL...

Recess

What's our class gonna do?

AWE! ☆ SOME! ☆

ACTUALLY, THE CULTURE FESTIVAL IS COMING UP!

Fried noodles? Crepes? Frankfurters! A haunted mansion! A play?! Movie?! Balloon art?

A maid cafe?

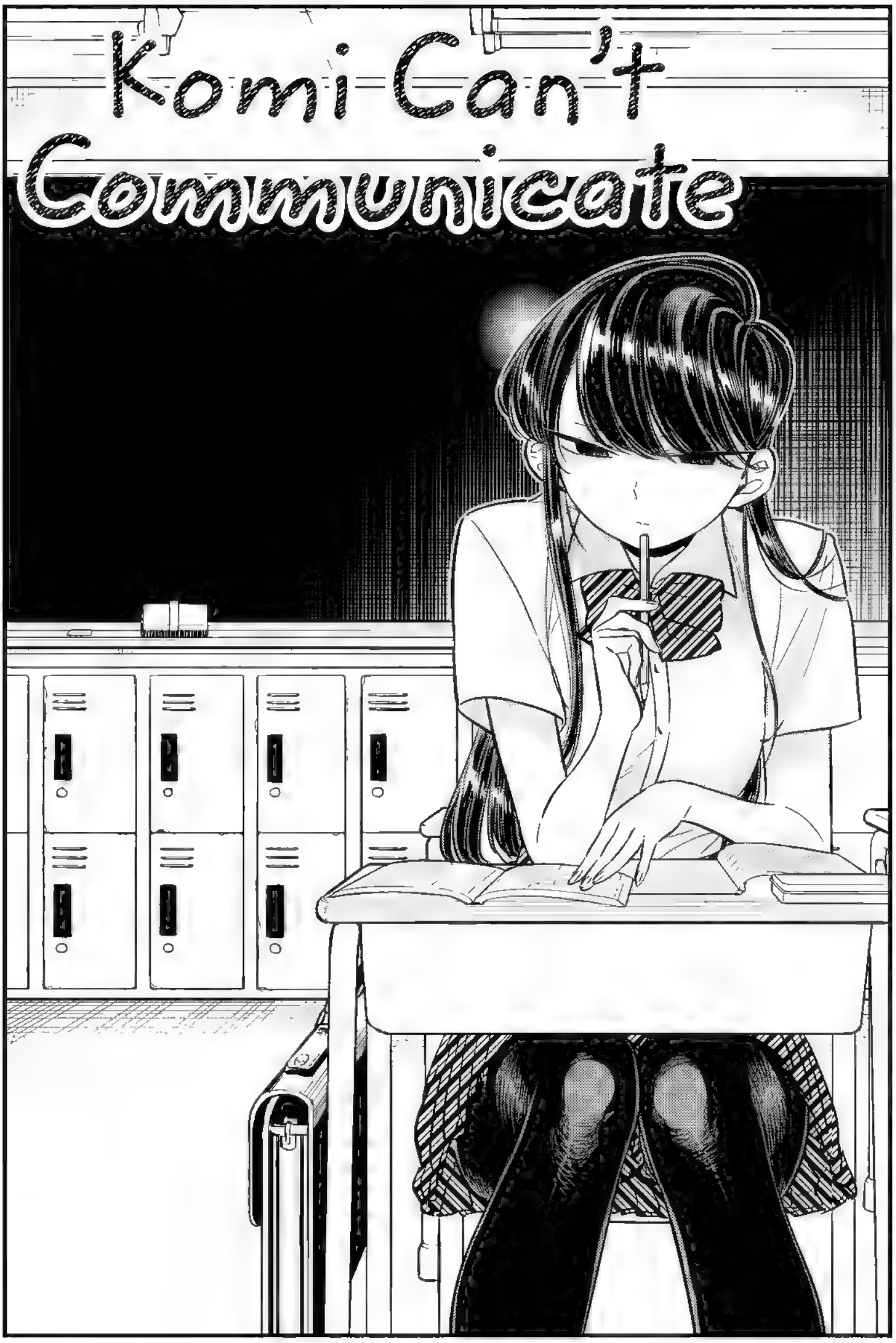
ooo

!

SHE'S MAKING A FACE THAT SAYS, "NORMIE... YOU'RE GOOD AT READING MINDS, HUH? MWA HA HA!"!!

MWA HA HA

NORMIE... YOU'RE GOOD AT READING MINDS, HUH? MWA HA HA!



Communication 56: Feelings

FLINCH
!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, NAKA-NAKA?
Let's get ready for P.E., Komi!
...BUT I'M NOT ACTUALLY HUMAN, SO YOU CAN'T READ MINE!
DADAMM
MWA HA HA! TADANO, YOU NORMIE! YOU MAY BE GOOD AT READING MINDS...
HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT'S WHAT I WAS DOING ?!
?!
IS IT A THING NOW TO BELIEVE THAT SOMEONE CAN READ MINDS AND THINK, "YOU CAN READ MINDS," IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE THEM ADMIT IT?
HUH ?
BLUSHHH
Suddenly embar-rassed

Here goes!

YES...

YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW KOMI FEELS.

RIGHT?

CALL ME WHAT-EVER YOU WANT.

...SO I THOUGHT I'D ASK YOU HOW, NORMIE. I MEAN, UM, TADANO.

BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH

AS KOMI'S ALLY, I NEED TO BE ABLE TO TELL WHAT SHE'S THINKING...

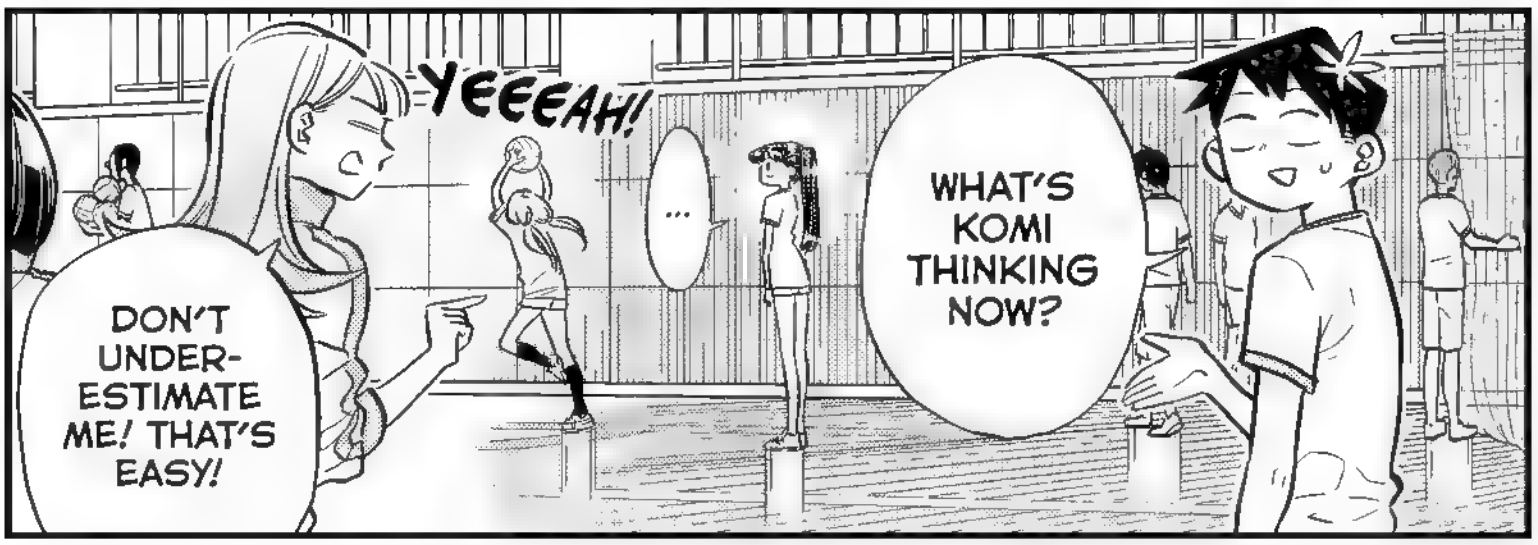
GRAB

I CAN'T READ *EXACT* THOUGHTS, BUT–

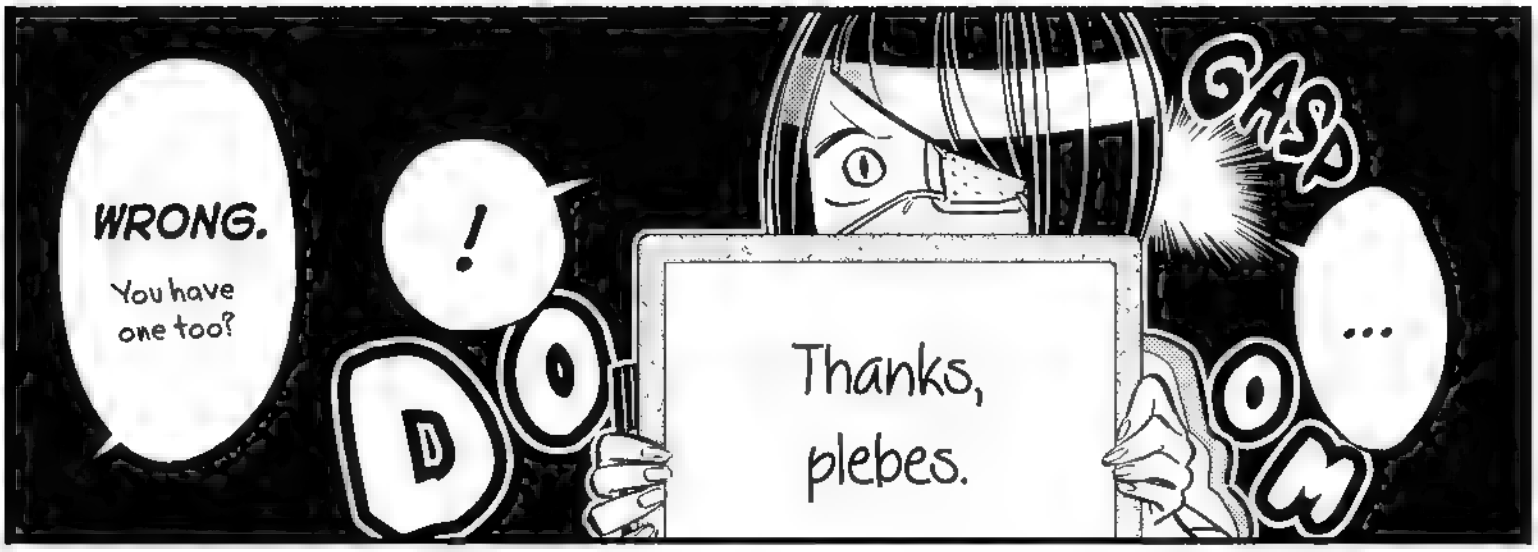
IT'S HER AGAIN !!

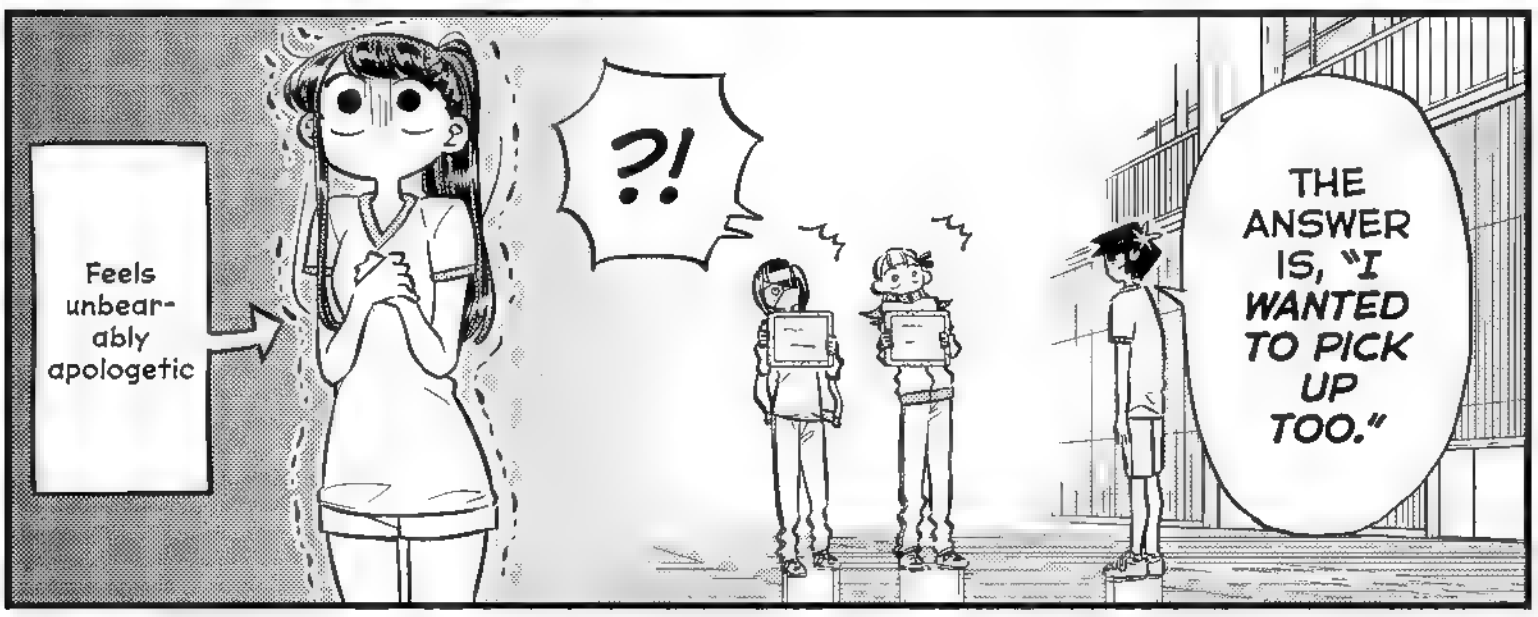
TELL *ME* HOW YOU DO IT TOO!

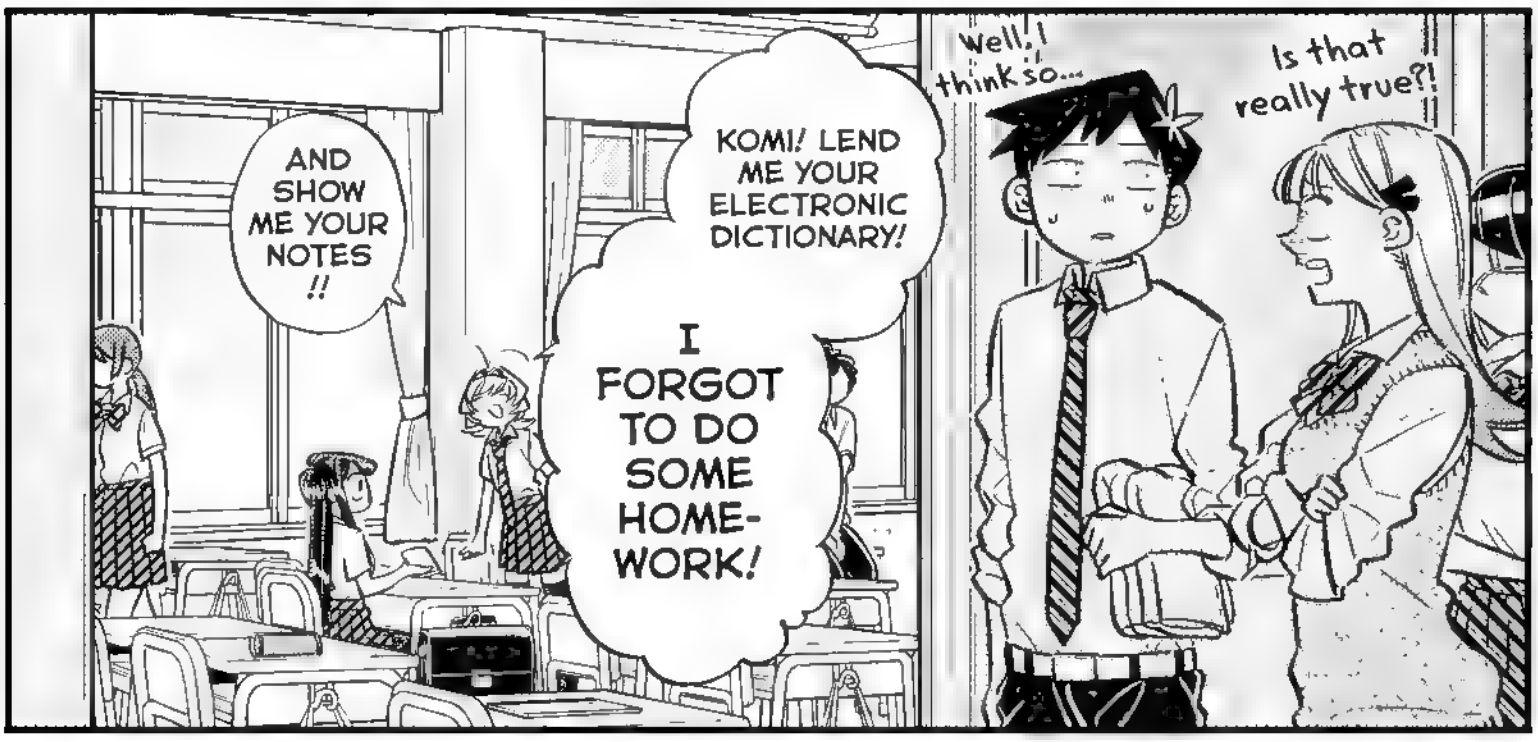
HEY! TADANO HAD A GOOD IDEA FOR ONCE!
FOR ONCE?
ALL RIGHT. TRY GUESSING WHAT KOMI IS THINKING IN VARIOUS SITUA-TIONS.
OKAAAAY
IT'S QUITTING TIME, SO PICK UP THE BALLS!
Don't trouble yourself, Komi! I got this!
BWUP
Kyaaah!
?!
HARNGH!
FWOOSH

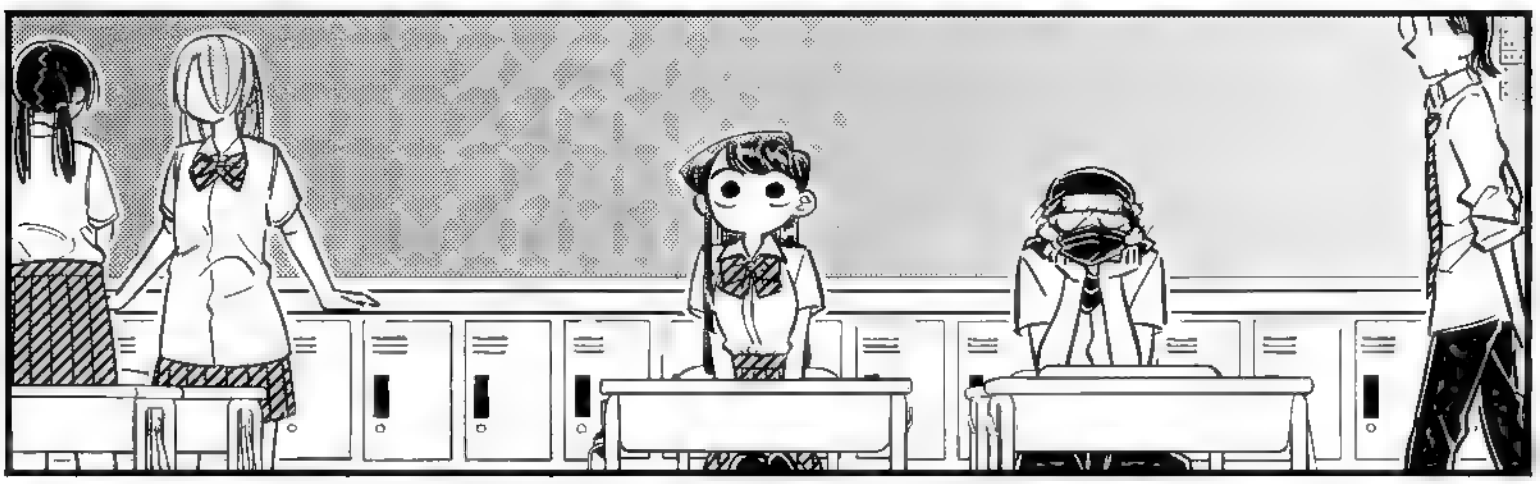

YEEEAH!
DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE ME! THAT'S EASY!
...
WHAT'S KOMI THINKING NOW?

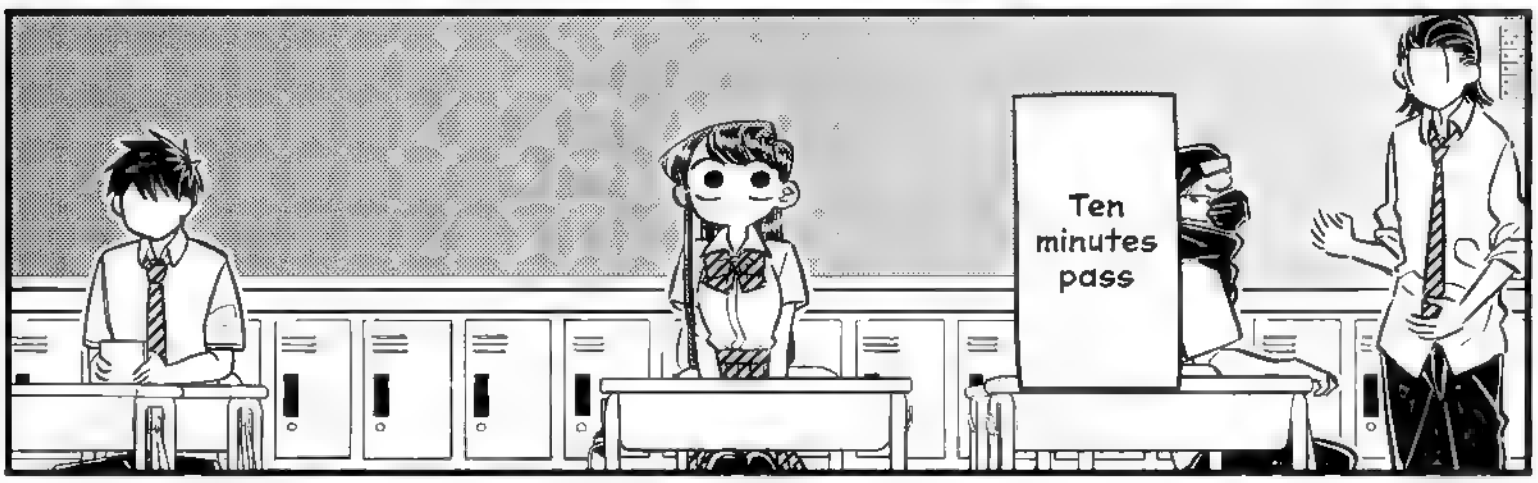
WRONG.
Where'd you get that white-board?
Here I am, Komiii!
THIS!
I don't have to pick up Where's Yamai so we can hang?
FW
UP


WRONG.
You have one too?
!
DO
Thanks, plebes.
GASP
OM
...


Feels unbear-ably apologetic
?!
THE ANSWER IS, "I WANTED TO PICK UP TOO."


AND SHOW ME YOUR NOTES !!
KOMI! LEND ME YOUR ELECTRONIC DICTIONARY!
I FORGOT TO DO SOME HOME-WORK!
Well, I think so...
Is that really true?!

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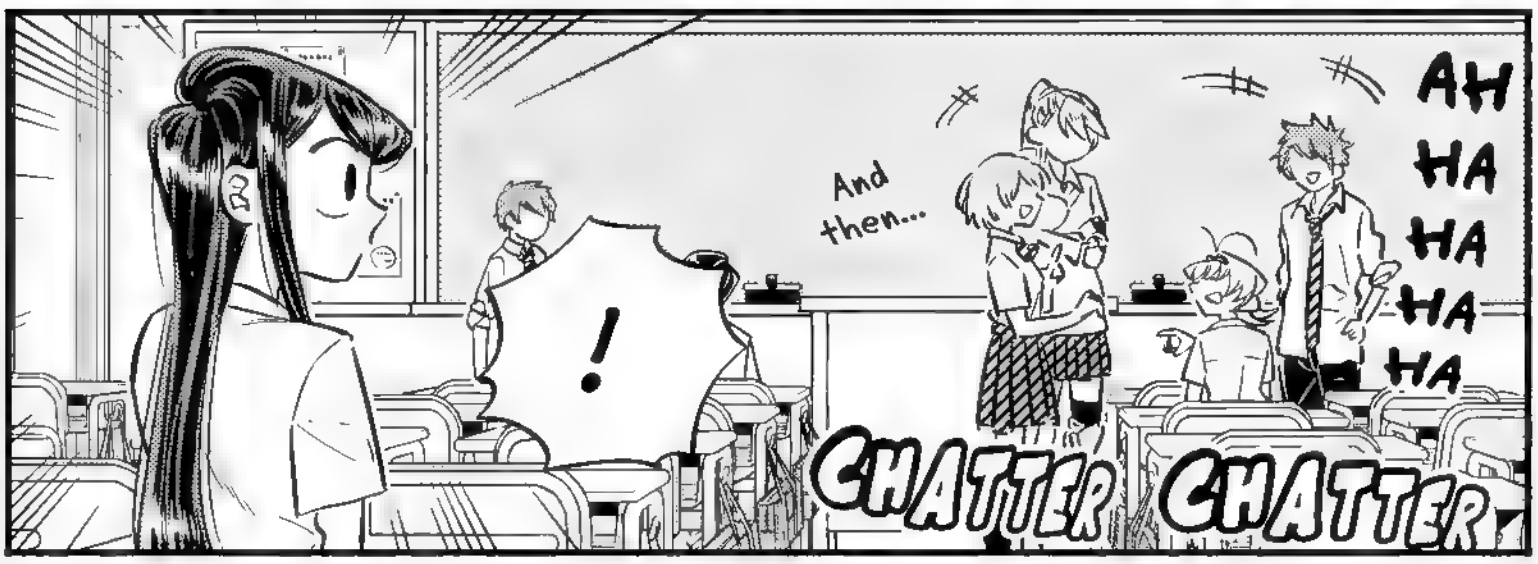

!
And then...
AH HA HA HA HA
CHATTER CHATTER

AH HA HA HA HA
GUESS WHAT SHE'S THINKING NOW.
WRONG. But that's what I would think.
...RIGHT ?
BA
Stop yapping and give back my dictionary
SMILE
IT MUST BE...
M
YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK, BUT NOT QUITE!
Huh ?!
Mwa ha ha! I'm so right!
RIGHT ?
B
Najimi is talking to others, so I shouldn't interrupt.
AM
SERI-OUSLY ?!
HA HA HA HA HĀ
CRINGE
FLINCH
AH HA
THE ANSWER IS, "ARE THEY GOSSIPING ABOUT ME?"

LOOK! A RAIN-BOW! AND IT'S BIG!!
KYAH
KYAH
!
IT'S HUGE !!
OOH WOW
STAARE

THIS ONE'S EASY. YOUR GUESSES, PLEASE!
STAARE

WRONG.
Are you doing this on pur-pose?
TEE HEE!
I'll take a pic of the rainbow and put it on social media. Which reminds me, I need to tell Yamai about my account!

BAM

You shouldn't post pointless pictures of the sky on social media, you weeds!

Tch...

THAT'S JUST A PERSONAL OPINION!

WRONG!

...

Weeds?

HM? NAKA-NAKA? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

GIRL FIGHT ?!

OH WOW...

...LIKE THE OTHER GALS ARE!

KOMI AIN'T EXCITED ...

WRONG !!

'CAUSE SHE'S BETTER THAN A RAIN-BOW!!

MMMMM

Wants to look but can't join the other girls

STAARE

NOD

OKAY, KOMI! WASH THE VEGGIES!

THIS IS A GROUP ASSIGN-MENT.

Boiled spinach and soy sauce

Miso-simmered mackerel

Home Ec

SPSH

SPLASH

RUB RUB

RUB RUB

RUB RUB

Tadano! Grill the fish!

WHAT'S SHE THINKING NOW?

BLUUUH

Komi?

HUH?

THIS!

BA

She's thinking about the next cooking step

M

...THIS!

BA

She doesn't know the next step.

M

NO ...

RRRMMMMMMMM

HUH?!

How would I know that?

Komi's a fabulous cook!

HUNH?!

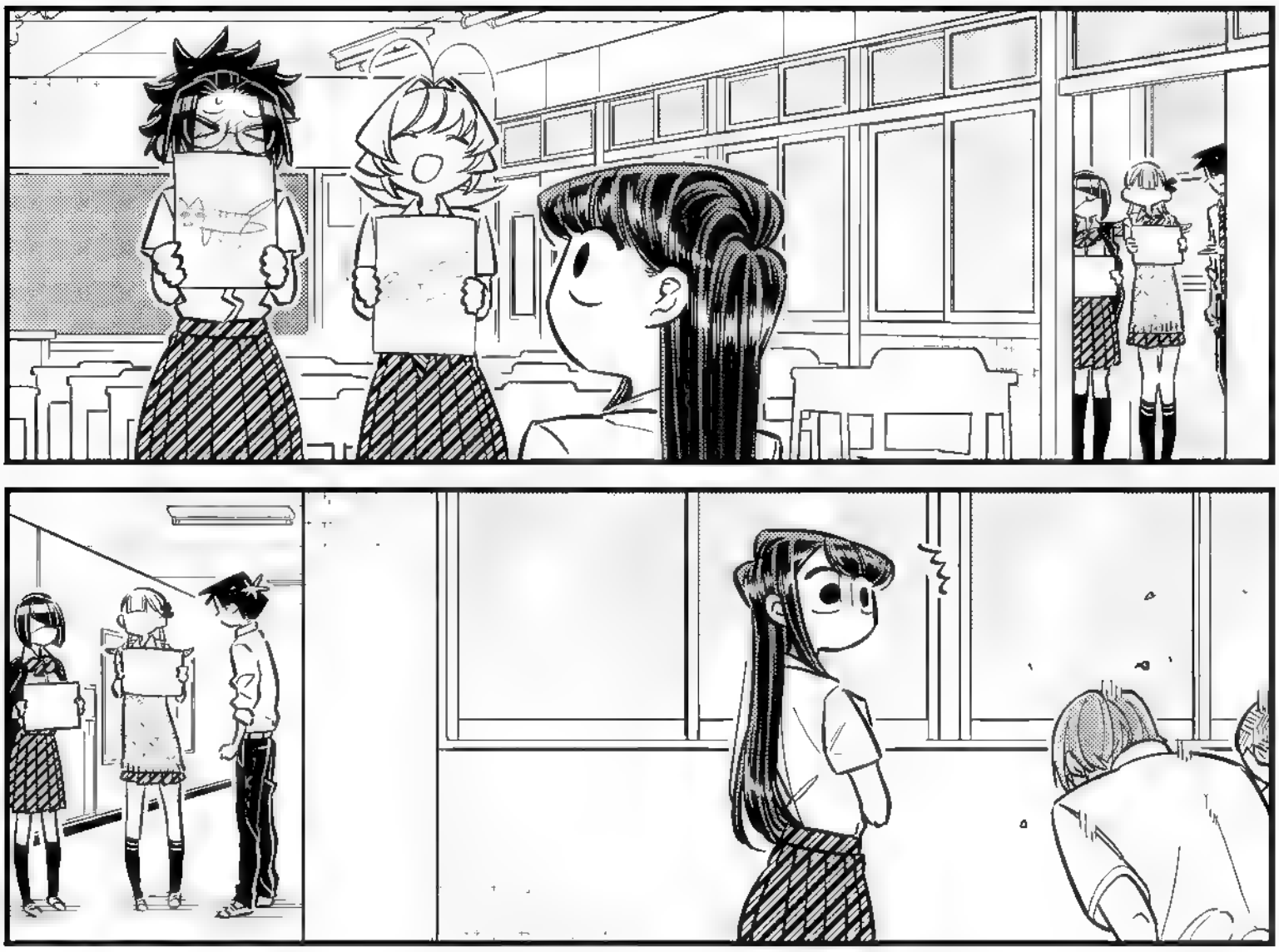
SHE'S STILL HUNG UP ON THAT?!

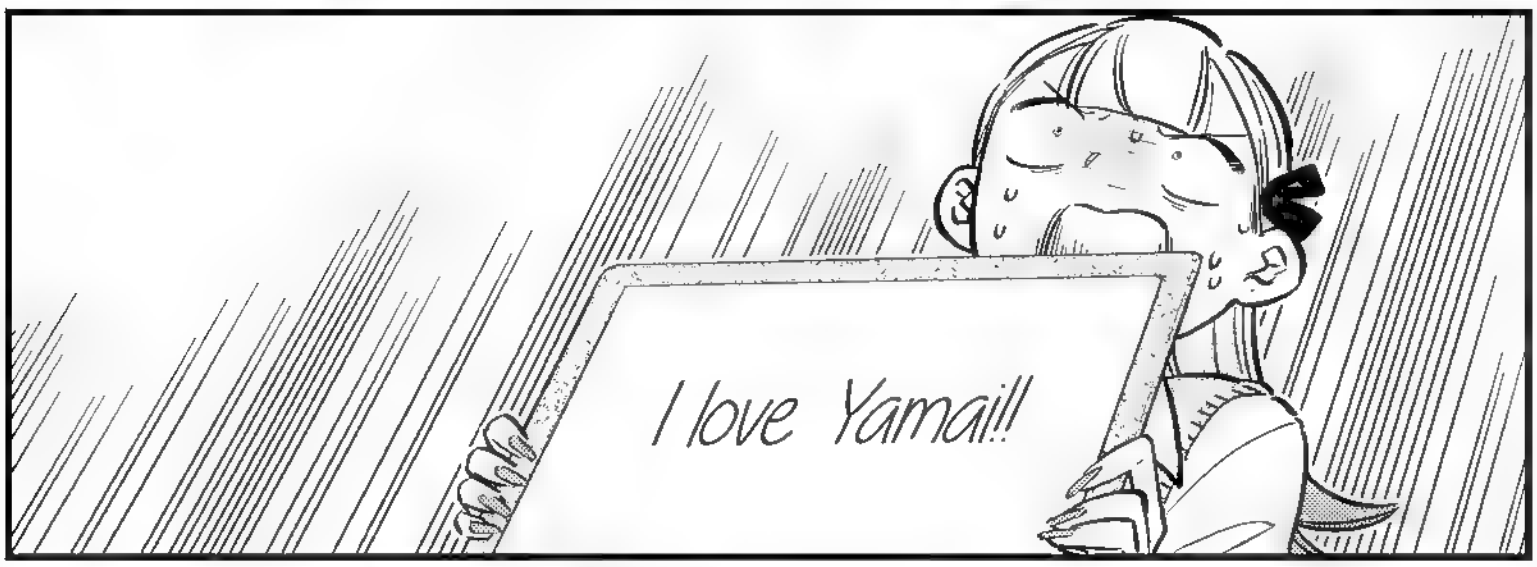
BLUUUUUH

Never did see the rain-bow

Komi ?!

ACTUALLY, SHE'S STILL THINKING ABOUT RAIN-BOWS.




I love Yamai!!

I wanna play video games with Nakanaka again!!

YOU'RE BOTH WRONG EVERY TIME!

So neither of you is better!

BUT *I'VE* HUNG OUT WITH HER ALONE!

HUFF

HUFF

B...

HUFF

HUFF

I KNOW KOMI BETTER THAN YOU DO!

HUFF

TMP

...

...

...

SCOOOT

...KOMI?!

K-K-K-K-K-K-K...

HUH?

What are you doing?

UH... RIGHT!

SO DON'T MISUNDER-STAND!

WE JUST HAPPENED TO BE GOING THE SAME DIREC-TION!

RIGHT ?!

W- WE'RE, UM...

UGGHH

UH-OH!

I noticed you were watching me.

And talking.

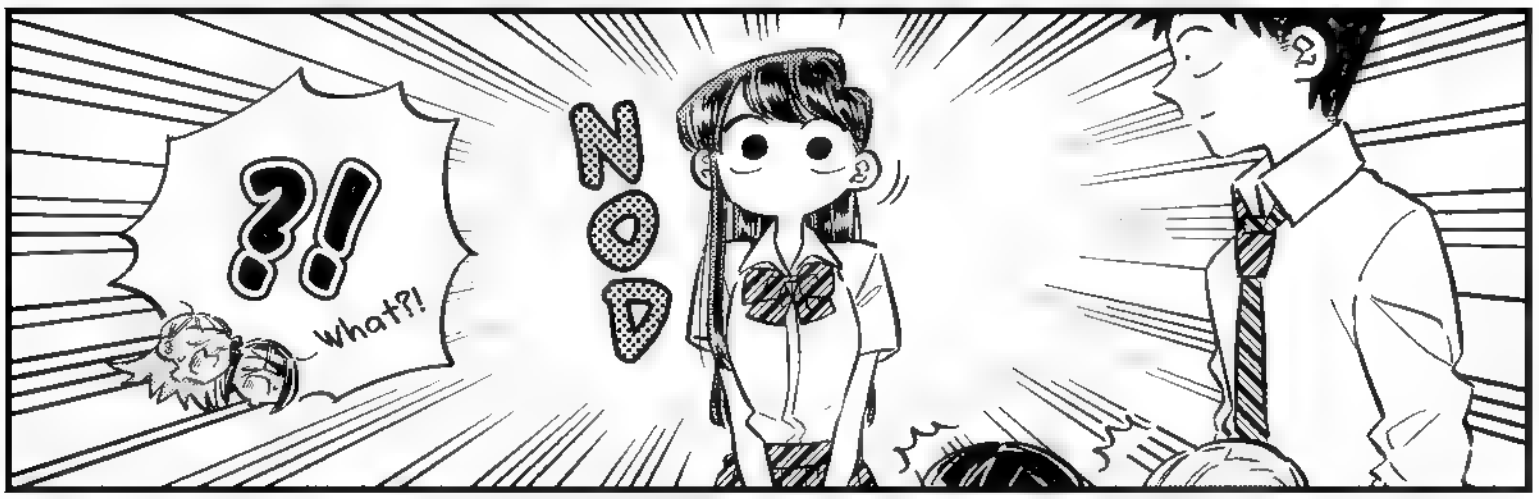
SH- SHE'S GONNA BLOW !!

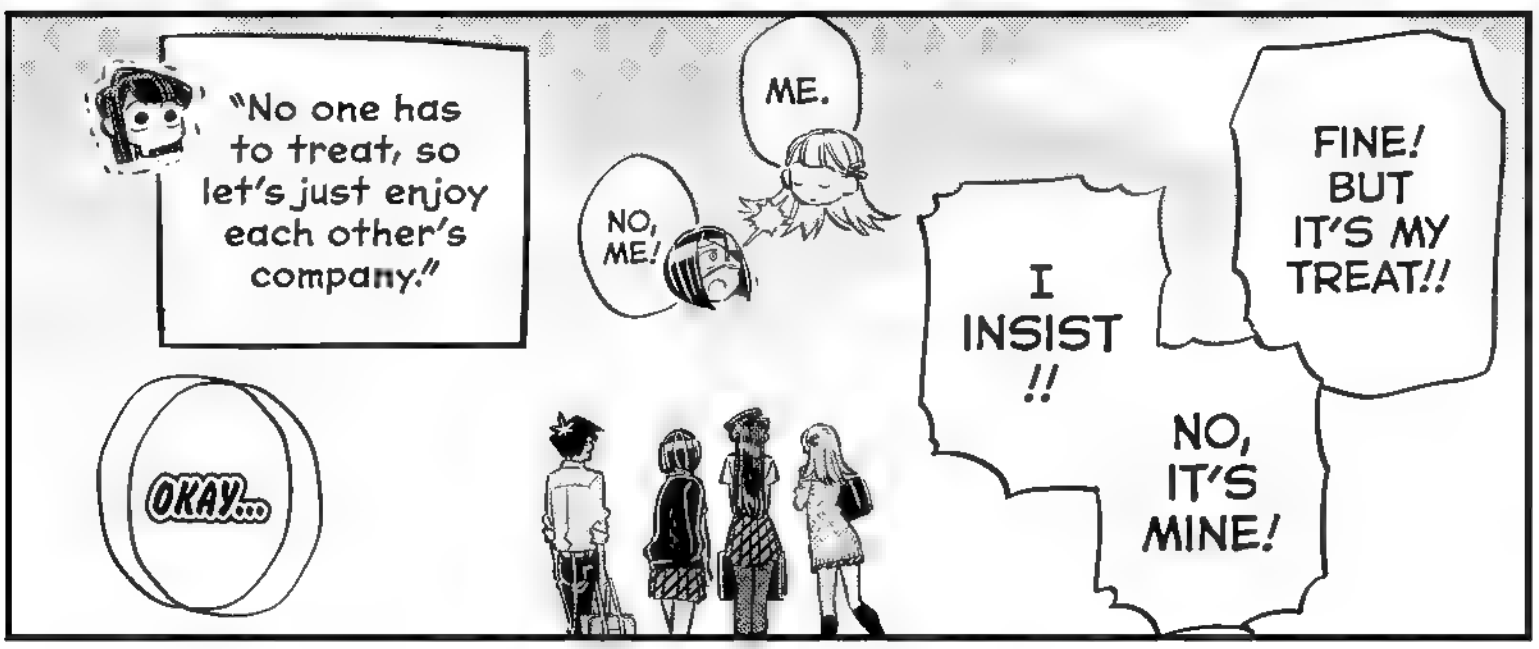
GWOOOO

TRMBL TRMBL TRMBL TRMBL TRMBL TRMBL

K- KOMI'S ANGRY!

BUT, UM...
UM, WE WEREN'T TRYING TO BE MEAN, BUT...
Wants to join
I noticed you were watching me
And talkin
...
...





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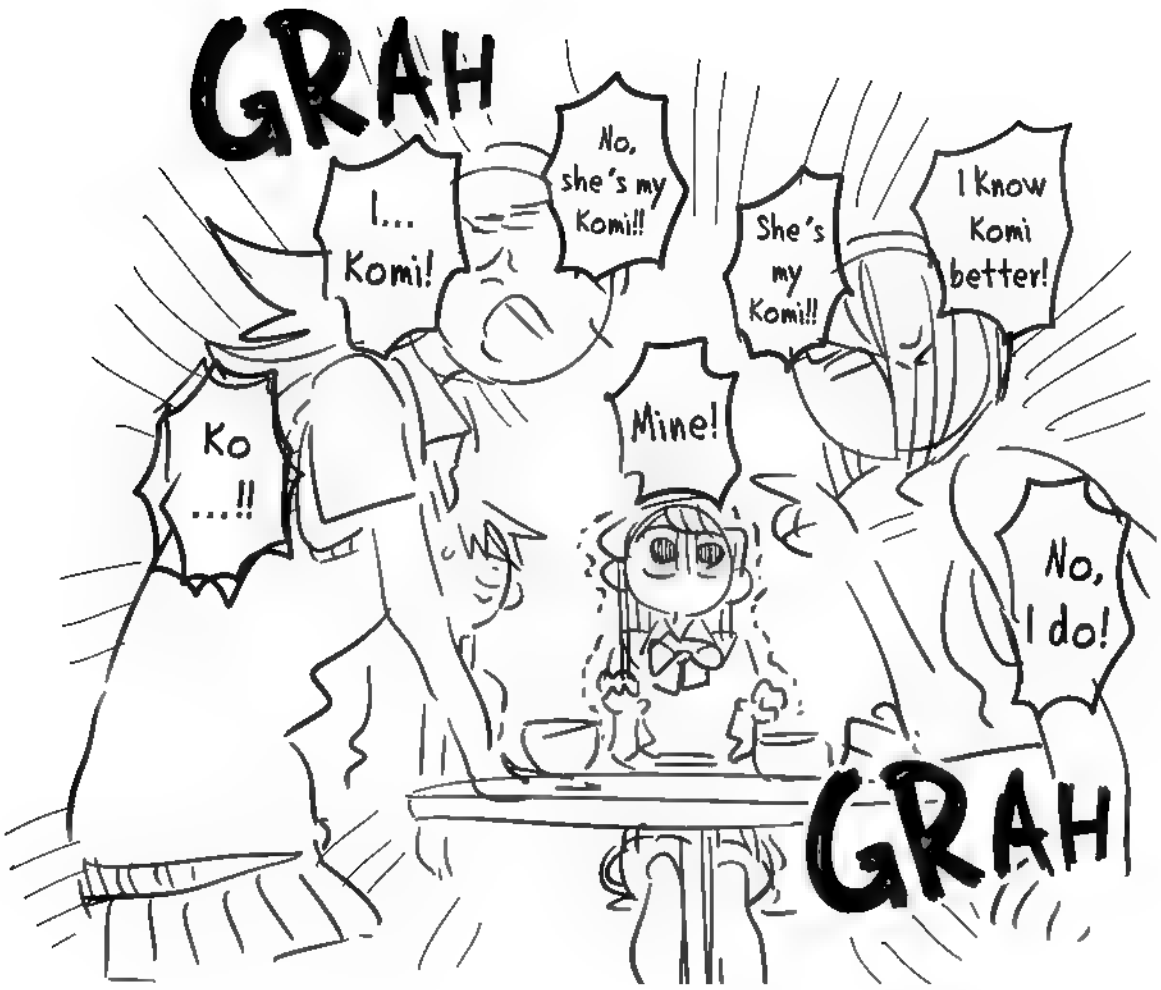
GRAH
I... Komi!
No, she's my Komi!!
She's my Komi!!
I know Komi better!
Ko ...!!
Mine!
No, I do!
GRAH

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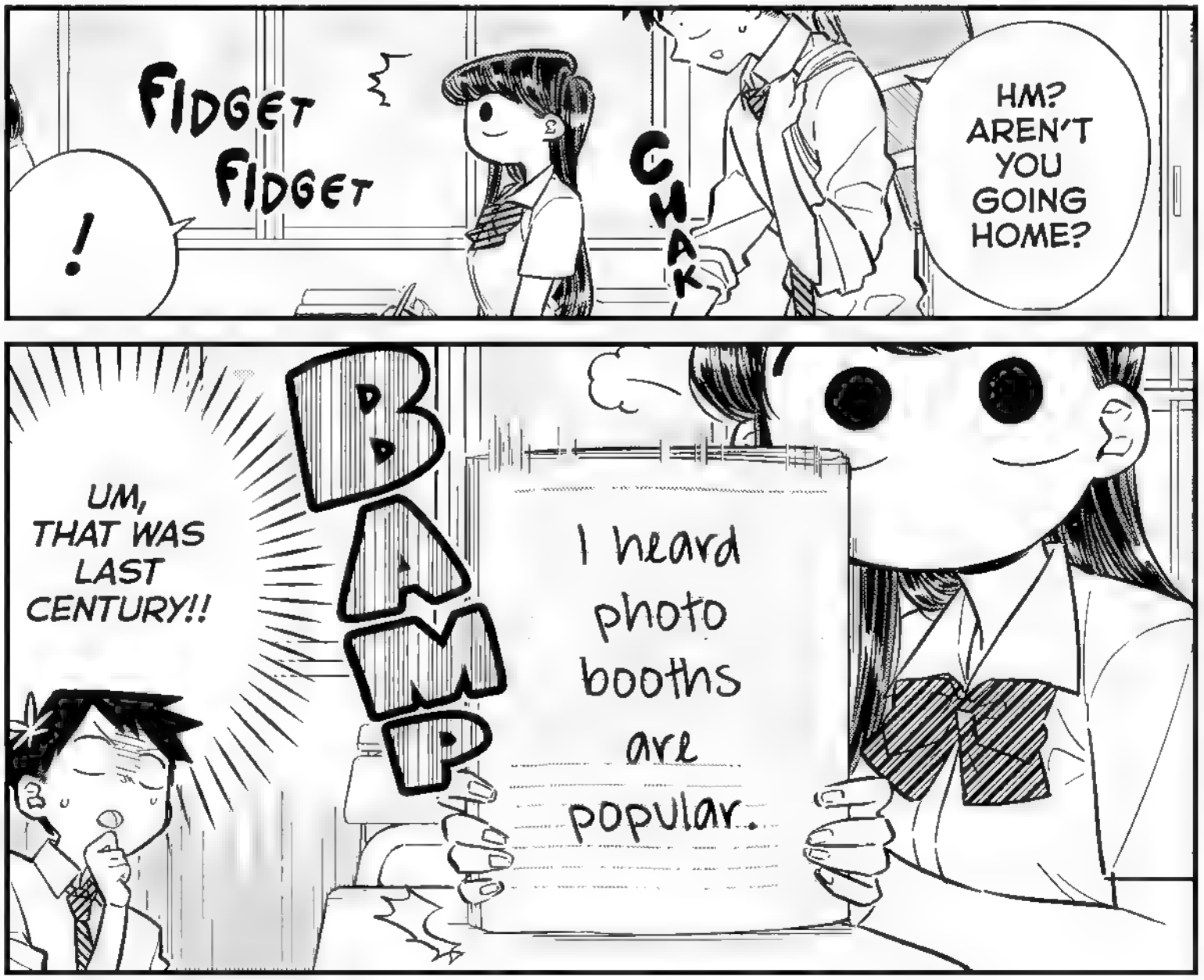


Communication 57: Purikura

PEOPLE STILL DO THAT?

Seriously? Bwa ha ha!

PWISH

"I heard some girls call it purikura."

I did purikura the other day!

BUT YEAH... I GUESS SO.

YEAH.

"It sounds inter-esting."

"I looked it up. Apparently, it means ***print club.***'"

...

...

!!

SO... YOU WANNA GO DO IT?

HMPH HMPH HMPH

I HEARD THAT, YOU TWO!!
!!
HUH? THEY CALL YOU WHAT ?!
THEY CALL ME FANTAS-TICALLY PHOTOGENIC NAJIMI!!
BAAA
G-GACK!
M

OH? YOU'RE GONNA DO PURI-KURA?
!!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ?!
AND THEY CALL YOU PRESUMP-TUOUSLY PUSHY YAMA!!!
WITH-OUT ME?
DOOOOOM

I HAVEN'T DONE PURIKURA IN AGES!
I DID IT A LOT IN JUNIOR HIGH!
YEAH, ME TOO!
...!
...
!!
KOMI?
It's this way.

KITY2
Barbie
Hey, let's get started!
THERE ARE LOTS OF DIFFERENT TYPES!
GLEAM
GLEAM
...!!
...
FLINCH
?!
CHOOSE YOUR PREFERRED FRAME.

NEXT, SELECT A MODE.
!!
YOUR SKIN'S ALREADY PERFECT, KOMI. SO YOU DON'T NEED THAT.
PERFECT SKIN MODE.
?!
AH HA HA
YOUR EYES ARE ALREADY BIG, SO YOU'D LOOK LIKE AN ALIEN!
DOLL EYES MODE.
THERE ARE NO MODES FOR KOMI!!
HM?
YOUR LEGS ARE ALREADY LONG, SO YOU'D LOOK WEIRD!
LONG LEGS MODE.

They decided to try various poses.

FIRST, LOOK CUTE AND SMILE!

!

Embarrassed

?!

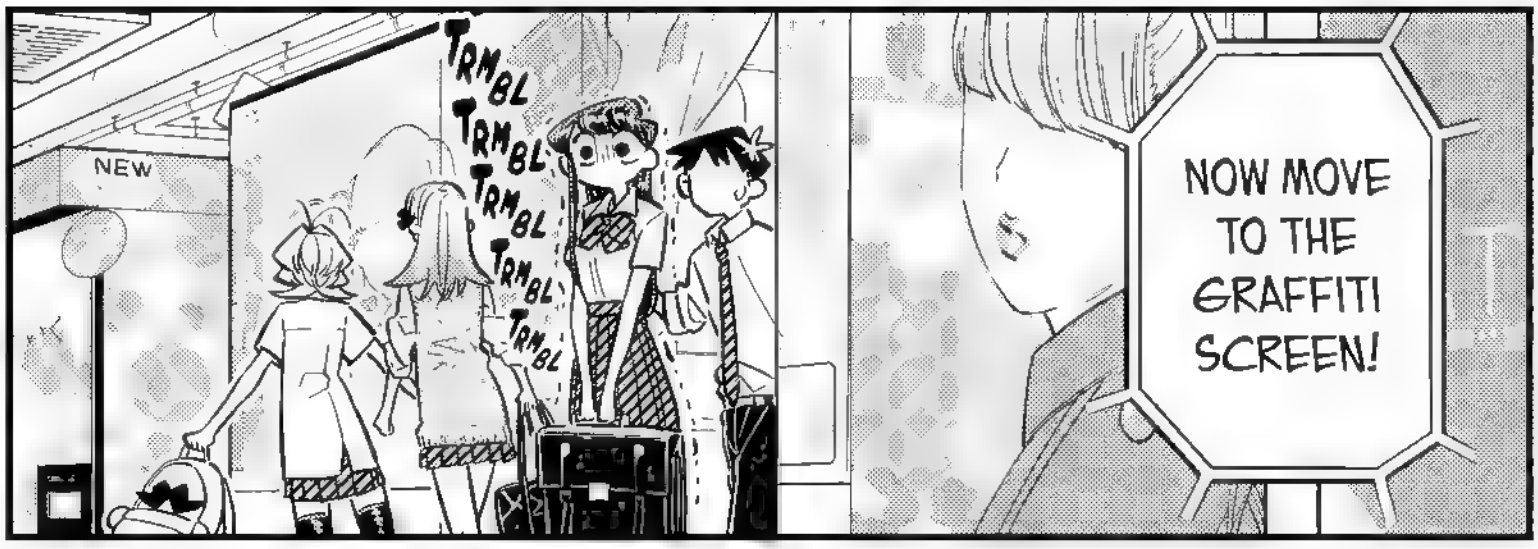
GRRR! NOW MAKE AN ANGRY FACE!

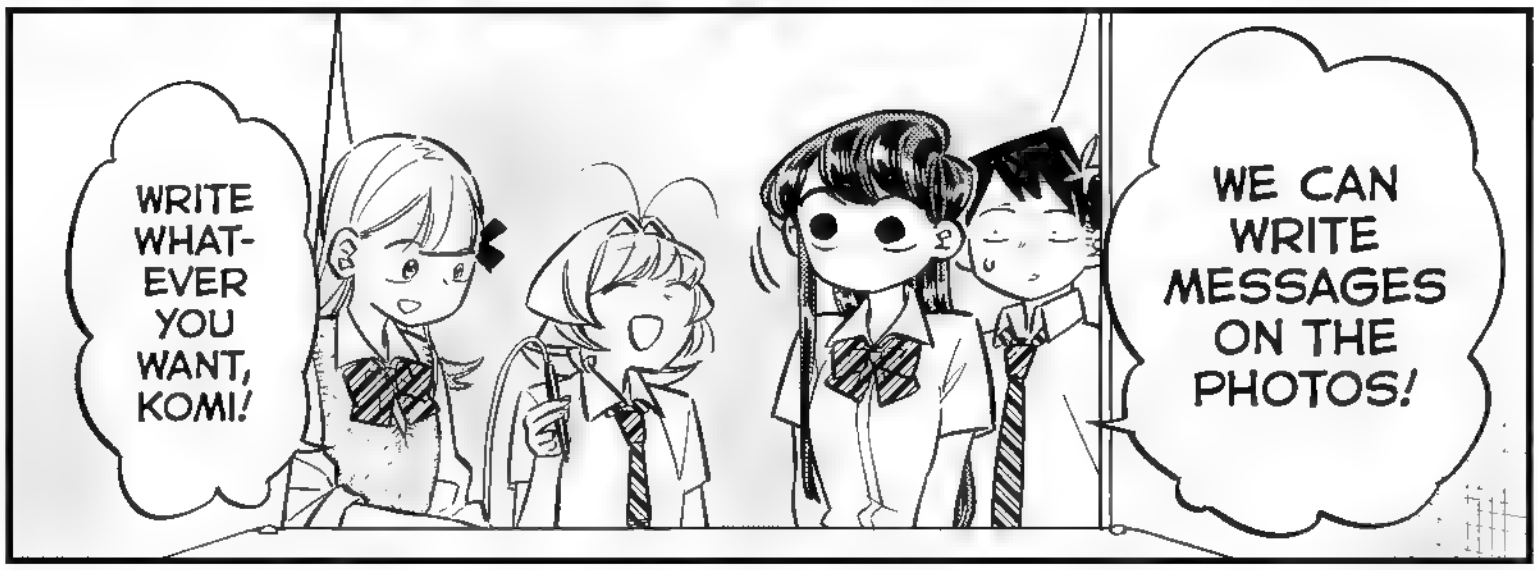
?!?!

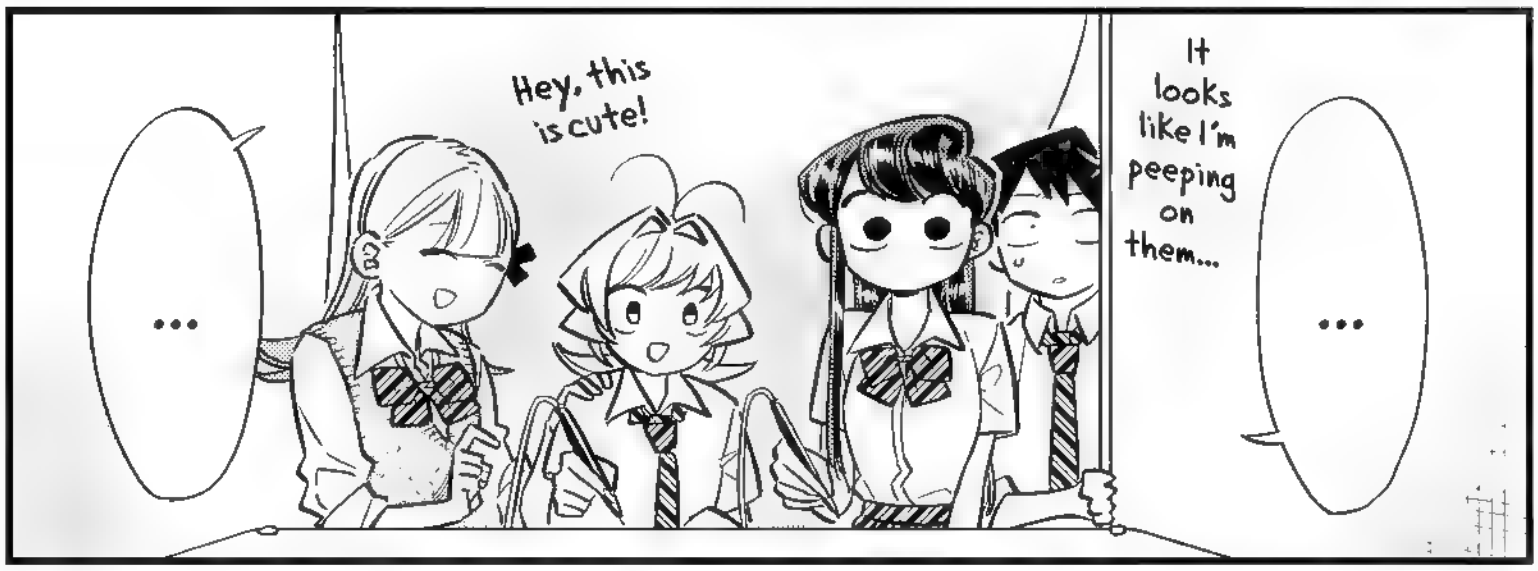
ACT LIKE IT'S SNOWING!

?!?!?!

LAST, GET WEIRD!

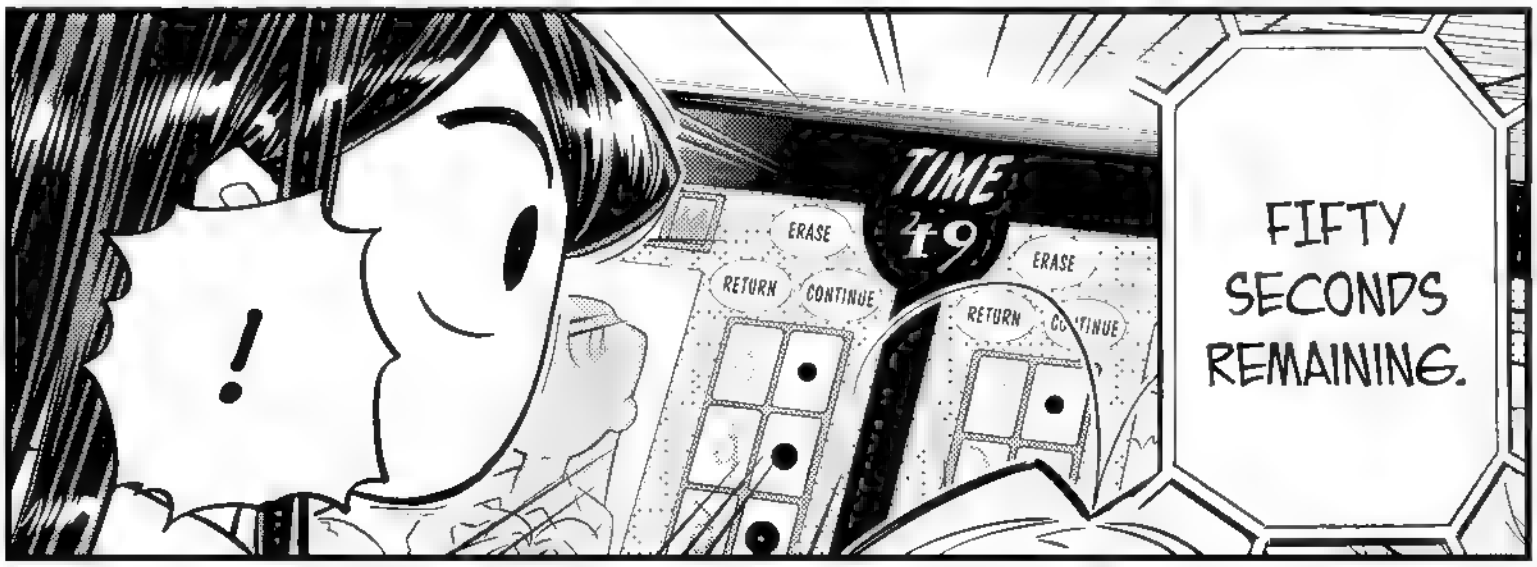

TRMBL
TRMBL
TRMBL
TRMBL
TRMBL
TRMBL
NEW
NOW MOVE TO THE GRAFFITI SCREEN!


WRITE WHAT-EVER YOU WANT, KOMI!
WE CAN WRITE MESSAGES ON THE PHOTOS!


...
Hey, this is cute!
It looks like I'm peeping on them...
...

Doesn't know what to write
DROOL
A shot of me and Komi together...
...?

!
KOMI? UM...
...JUST WRITE THE DATE OR SOME-THING!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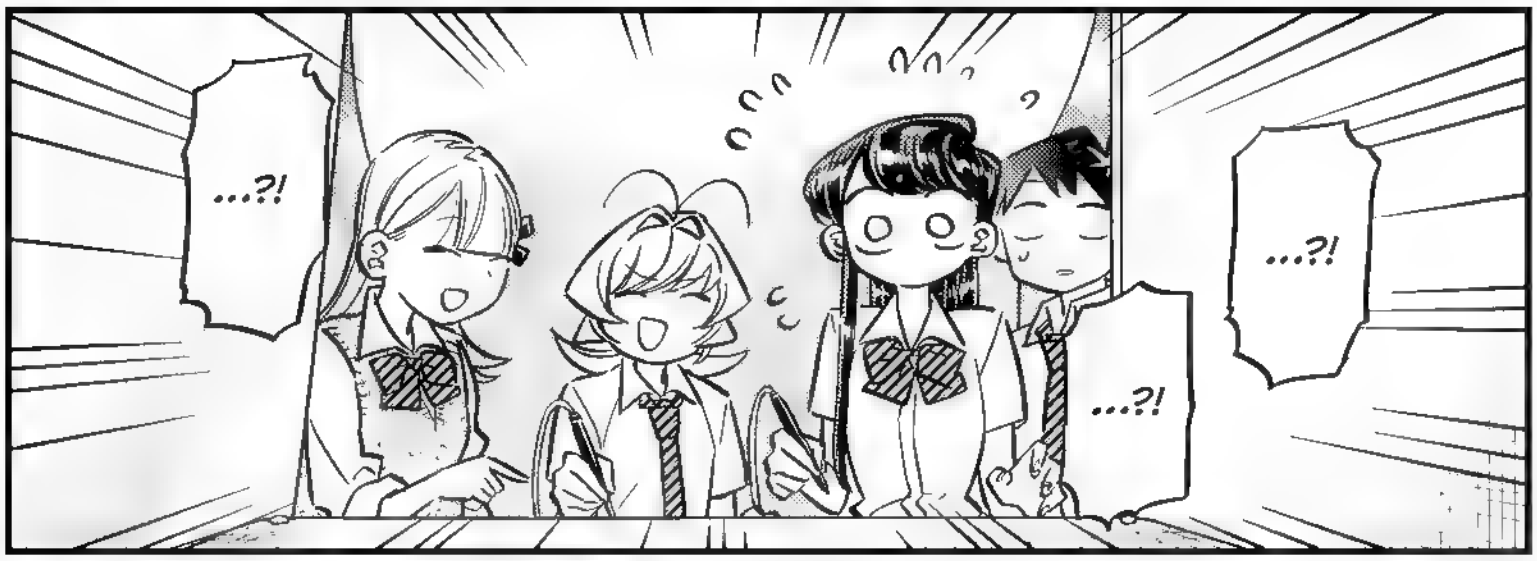
TIME 49
ERASE
RETURN
CONTINUE
FIFTY SECONDS REMAINING.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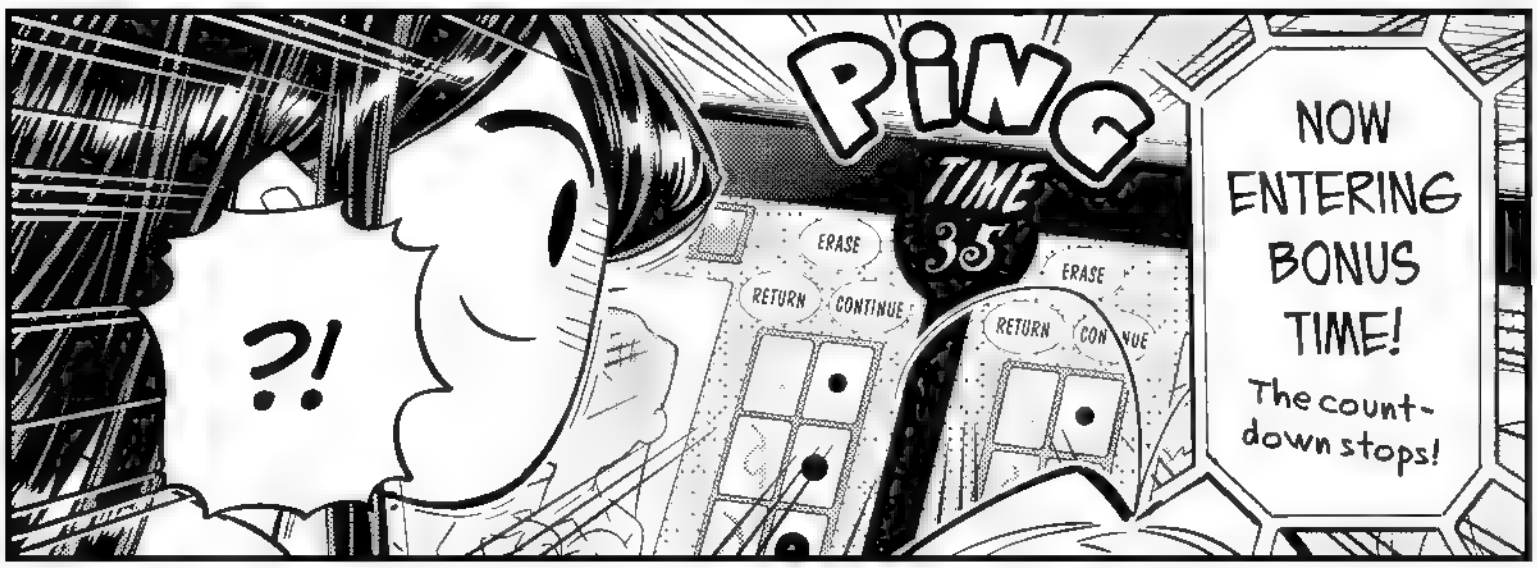
?!
PING
TIME 35
ERASE
RETURN
CONTINUE
NOW ENTERING BONUS TIME!
The count-down stops!

SO ENTER YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!

!

YOU CAN SEND THREE FAVORITES TO YOUR PHONE!

Should we take some more?

SCRIBBBLE

TTK

Thinks there's extra time

TOK

TTK

?!
?!

HA HA HA! DON'T WORRY. I'LL SEND THEM TO YOU!

TIME

TIME OVER! PICK UP YOUR PHOTO-GRAPHS OUTSIDE!

TADAAAAH

NO, I'M DONE!!

GRAH!

GRAH!

CUTE

LOVELY-

AWESOME

LOVE

SEPT. 23

.17
Good ... less
will come to the ho ne of
those who smile

HITOHITO SHOKO

KAIDO REN

FRIENDS FOREVER!!

WE CAME BY

9/23

happening

?!

IT'S SNOWING! YAAAAAY!!

PERP

WHY?

ALL DONE !!

Can I laugh too?
...POSITIVELY FRIGHT-FUL!! HA HA HA HA HA HA!
YOU LOOK ...
YIKES
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!
BAMBAM

...
...
?!
JOLT
JOLT
KOMI'S FREAKIN' ADOR-ABLE!!

!

AH HA HA! ALL THAT LAUGHING MADE ME HUNGRY!

LET'S GRAB A SNACK! AH HA HA!

THANKS, EVERYBODY!

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GASP
!!
KOMI?

!

GOOD MORNING, KOMI.

Three days later

MEEE

!

THIS IS FOR YOU.

SHF

UM, KOMI?

...AND THOUGHT YOU MIGHT WANT ONE.

I NOTICED YOU LOOKING AT THEM THE OTHER DAY...

...

KOMI?

...?

...!

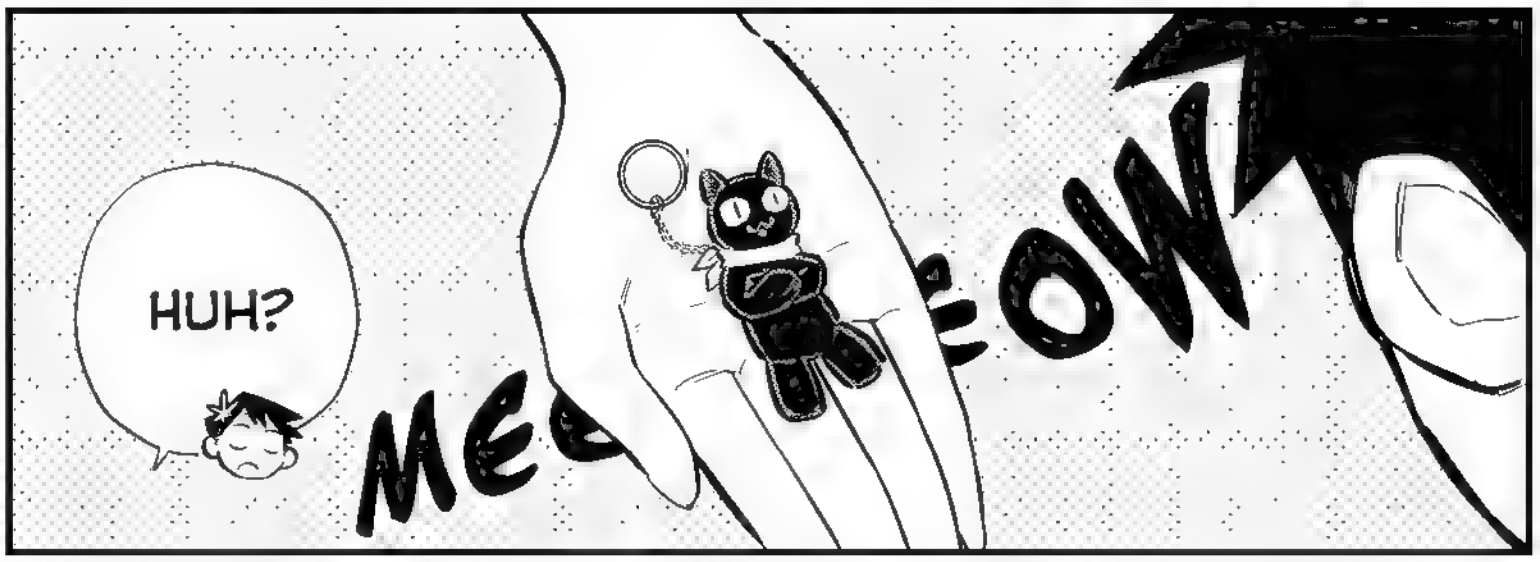
KOMI?

...

...if you don't want it, that's fine!!

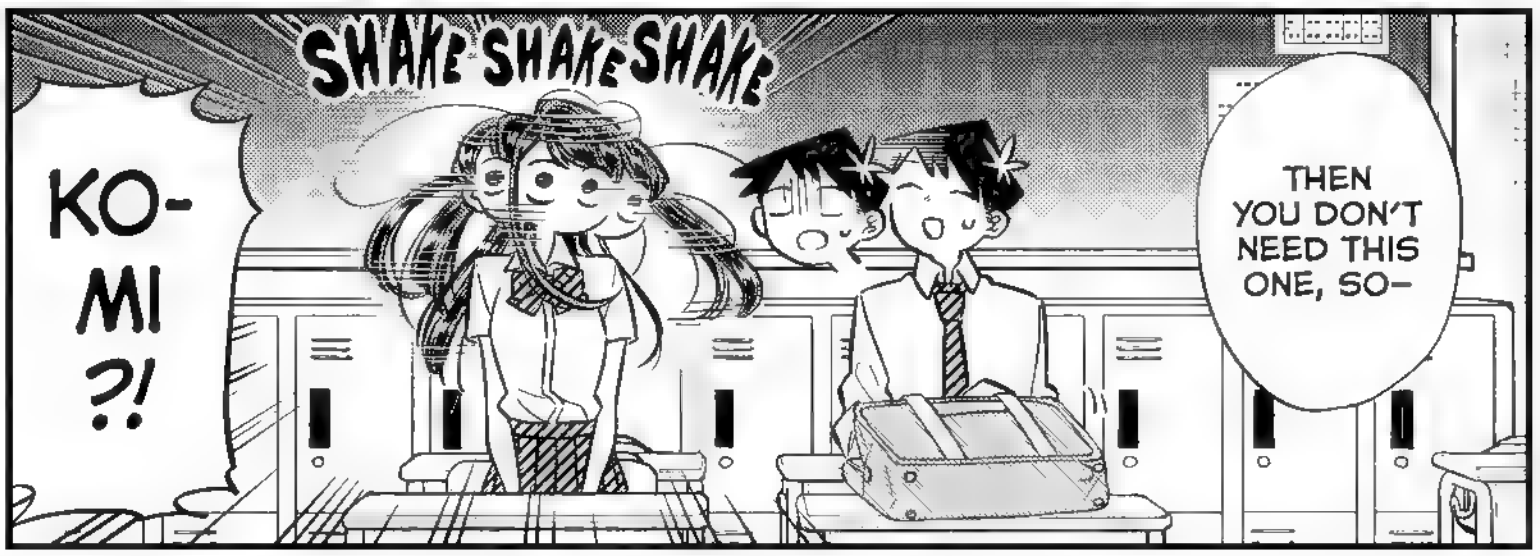
SWIF SWUF SWIF SWUF SWIF SWUF

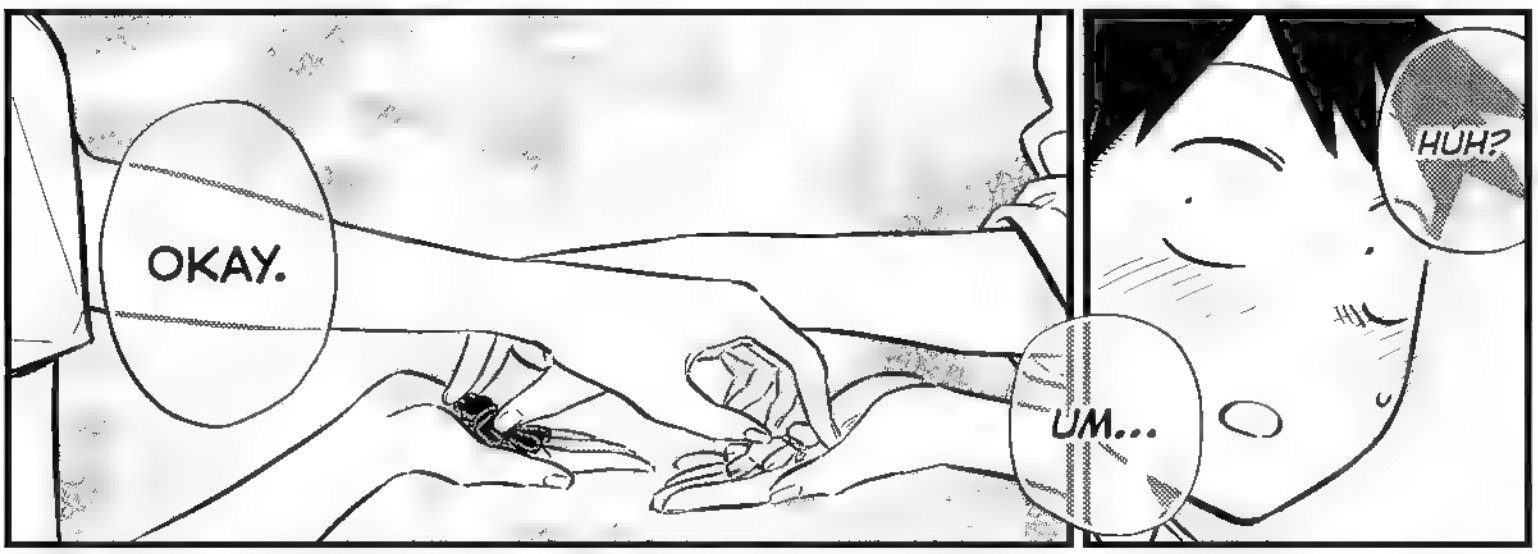
But! Um! I got it in one try! So, uh...


HUH?
MEOW

OH... REALLY ?
"I asked Najimi to take me so I could get one later."

...
...


SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE
KO-MI ?!
THEN YOU DON'T NEED THIS ONE, SO–



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Can Komi Make 100 Friends? Pressure from Najimi

Number of friends still needed: 89
AH HA HA! SUMMER VACATION WAS A BLAST, RIGHT?
EVERYONE GREW TIGHTER AS FRIENDS, RIGHT?
NOW I FEEL EVEN CLOSER TO THE WHOLE CLASS!!
KOMI KICKED BUTT IN THE RELAY ...
...AND WE PRACTICED TOGETHER AND GOT ALONG GREAT WITH ALL OUR CLASS-MATES, RIGHT?
Only 89 to go!!
...
RIGHT ?!

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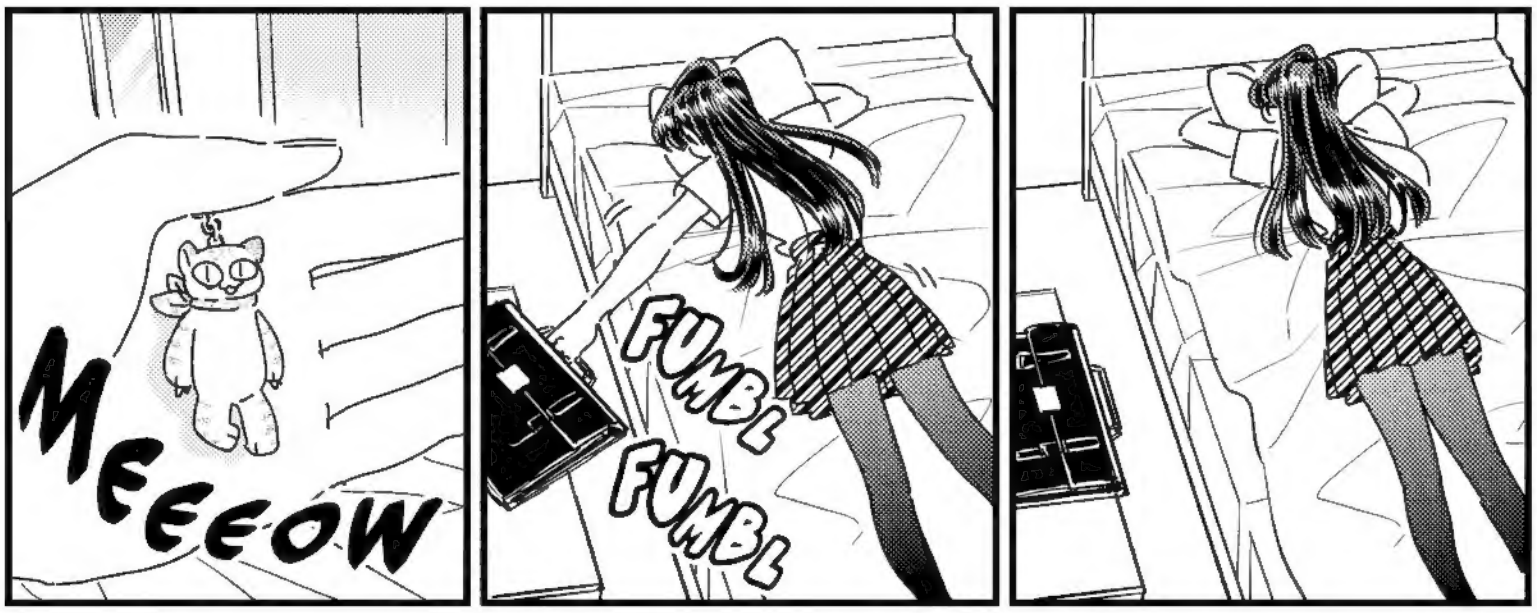
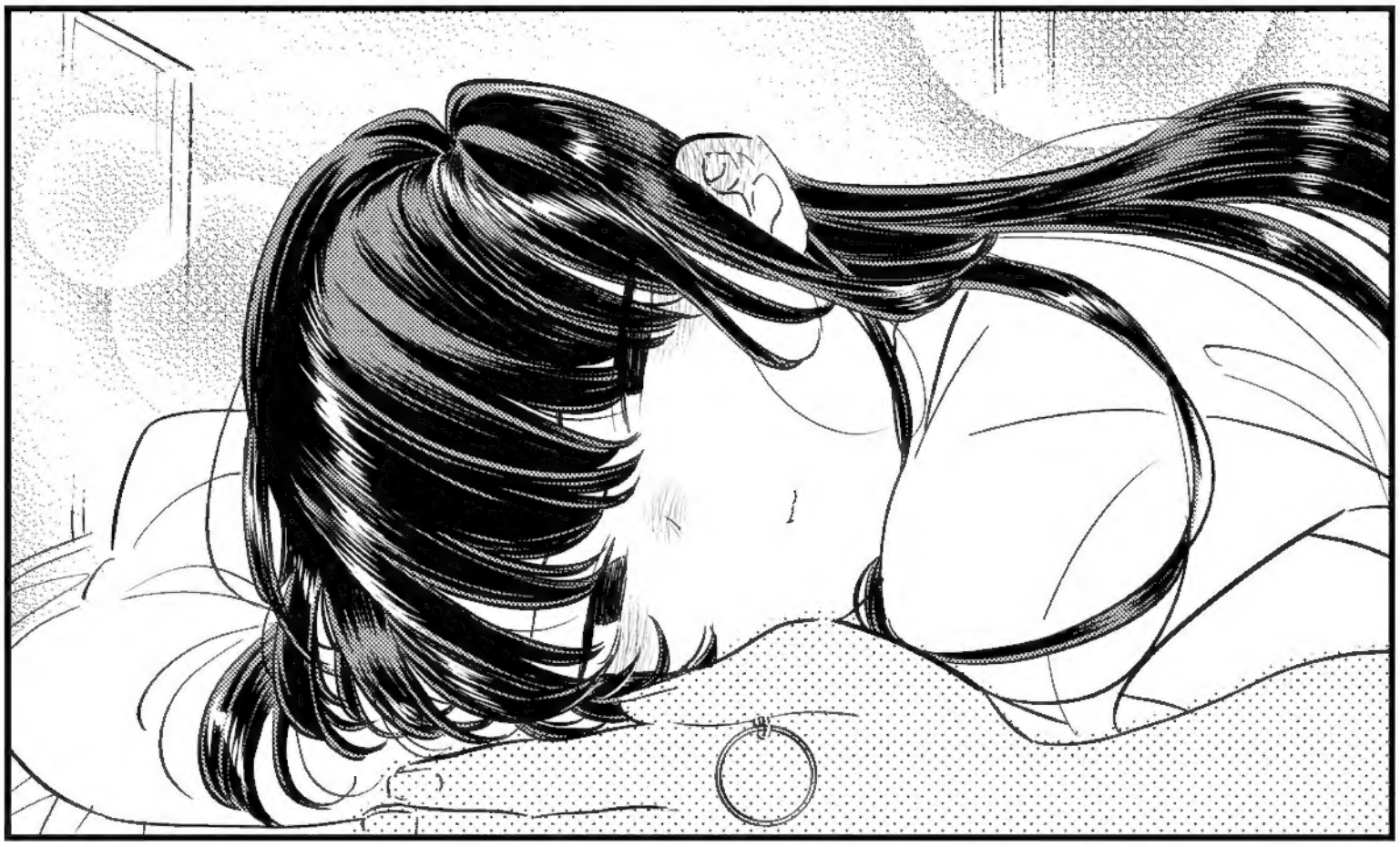
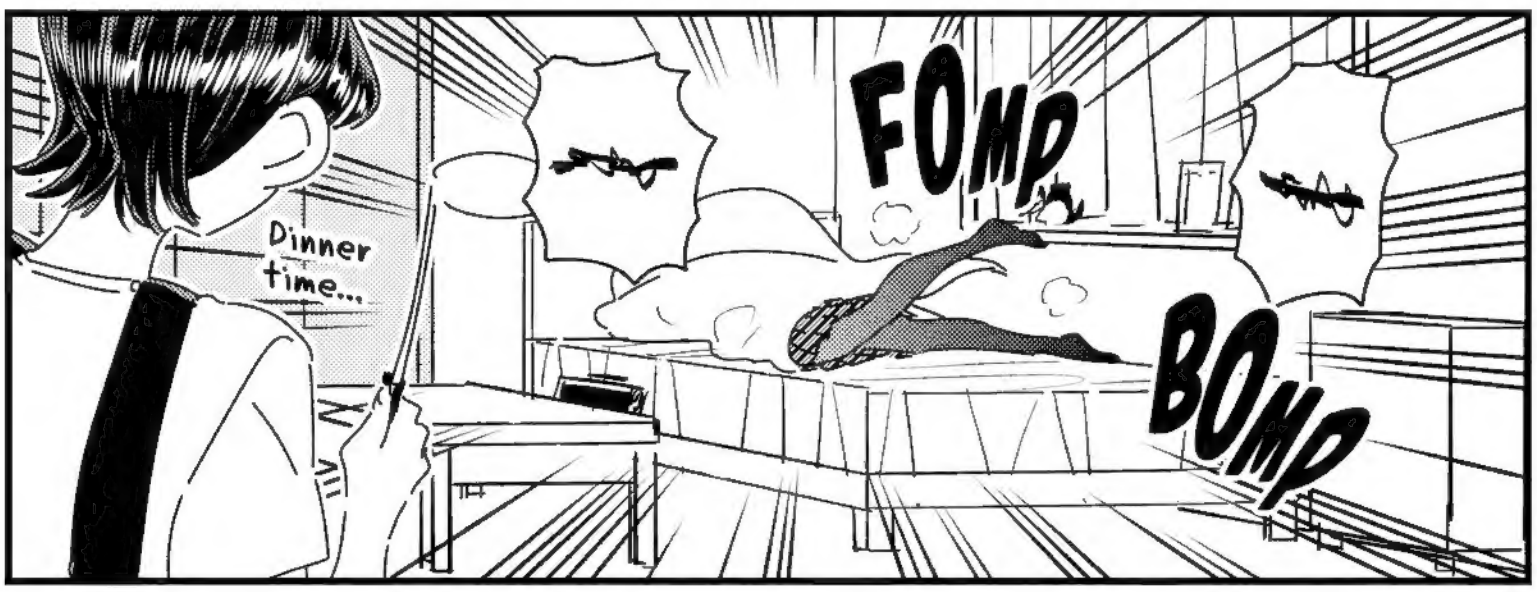
Can Komi Make 100 Friends? Komi Can't Help but Smile







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